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Autism Awareness, Autism Acceptance

By Jean Perry

The Marion Town House, Rochester Town Hall, Plumb Library, the Mattapoisett Town Hall, the Sydney Opera House, the Pyramids of Giza, Niagara Falls, The Citadel, the Panama Canal, Shanghai Tower, the Empire State Building, Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, the International Space Station, and my house. What do these places, and about 7,000 other world landmarks, all have in common? On April 2, they will all be lighting up blue to observe the first night of World Autism Awareness Month.

Today, one in every 68 children is diagnosed with autism – one of those children is mine.

Here we stand in 2017, the year of the 8th annual Light it Up Blue event to acknowledge World Autism Awareness Day, and the 12th year for my son and me on our own journey of autism – the train we can never get off that I lovingly refer to as "The Autism Express."

On the cover of *The Wanderer* this week you will notice the autism awareness puzzle piece ribbon tucked into the masthead lit up in blue as our very small, but sincere way of saying "We see you." And we want the world to see you, too.

Most of my regular readers are familiar with my story, the main character being my now 13-year-old son with autism, and for the past two years I have taken the month of April to talk about our history, our journey, and to spread just a little bit more awareness of autism, striving towards acceptance and inclusion.

For the record, autism is a neurological 'disorder' (although now I lean more towards neurological 'diversity') that is referred to as a 'spectrum disorder' because of the many diverse variations in expression of correlating 'symptoms,' individual to each person.

From one area of the spectrum to another, there may be delayed cognitive development, sensory processing dysfunction (for example, extreme sensitivity to touch, light, sound, and an impairment in filtering sensory input), lack of speech or speech delay, difficulty with self and emotional regulation, and other behavioral expressions such as self-stimulating and repetitive movements (stimming), undeveloped social skills and awareness, shortened attention span, gross and fine motor difficulties, and an intense fixation with trains. (OK, that last one pertains to my kiddo).

I list these 'symptoms' as sensitively as I can while still fostering an understanding of how autism can affect the individual; however, as awareness of autism has increased over time, acceptance of the neuro-diversity

***Above**: The three candidates for Rochester Board of Selectmen pose together after a rather contentious afternoon on March 23 during the COA Candidates Forum. Left to right: Richard Nunes, Greenwood Hartley, and Bendrix Bailey. Photo by Jean Perry*

***On the Cover:** Thursday, March 23 was the night of the annual Sippican School sixth grade versus staff and parents basketball game. Here, a group from the adult team keeps control of the ball after scoring one for the team. Photo by Colin Veitch*

The Wanderer masthead is lit up blue and an autism awareness ribbon is featured in observation of Autism Awareness month.

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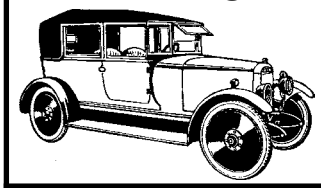

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of our fellow humans is still the goal. Words such as 'disorder' and 'deficit' still figuratively segregate people with autism from the non-autistic population when, as Dr. Temple Grandin said while visiting Old Colony just a few weeks ago told us, "The world needs *all* kinds of minds."

So on April 2, I hope you'll wear a blue T-shirt or maybe screw in a blue light bulb on your front porch for the month of April to join us in saying "We see you" to those whose lives have been touched by autism – autistic people, their parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, teachers, and those who support them in the community – for the world needs all kinds of minds, and more people who are not only aware of them, but accepting of them.

April is Autism Awareness Month, but every day is an opportunity for autism awareness and acceptance.

Wings Of Vernal Equinox

By George B. Emmons

The long and anticipated moment of a new season in time began in a moment after midnight on Tuesday while we slept, when a planetary transition in space moved silently overhead as Earth slowly rotated on its axis to turn the face of the northern hemisphere into the direct rays of the sun for the first day of spring.

With the first light of a spring dawn, a sun sign for the future may rise on wings of the turkey vultures circling out of sight to follow their instinctive roadmap of a receding frost line and oversee what winter has left

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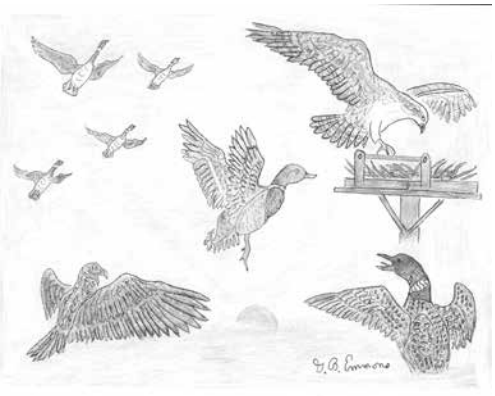
Across the shorelines of Buzzards Bay, the seasonal transformation we fishermen affectionately label as ice-out can slip past unaware and only be noticeable with the clarion of Canada geese that, like colorful green-headed mallards, will drop into liberated waters of ponds and lakes.



But now they need migrate only short daily distance perhaps due to global warming, which has unfortunately made the timing of ice-out unpredictably treacherous, as evidenced

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For the indigenous common loon population, however, their spring migration will be lateral rather than vertical south to north, coming inland from their ocean winter quarters while losing the salty shade of plumage. They cannot arrive unless or until it happens because they need long distances of open water to land or take off. Later, when love is in air-temped waters, the mournful wail of the loon to locate a mate will finally be echoed in the night by a musical yodel, called a tremolo, a possessive announcement near a nesting site for the next generation.

At our new shoreline residence, with arrival of each new feathered flight we watch for the arrival of the ospreys to the elevated wooden platforms erected on our nearest neighbor's back yard, wishing for an estimated time of arrival like an airline flight from Florida, also their traditional winter retreat. One of the two platforms has a nest from last year, and it is very possible the same pair can and will find their way back.

In keeping with the joy of the season, may my narrative and image on Wings Of Vernal Equinox take flight in your mind to soar on thoughts of the wonder of it all.

Suspicious Device Reported in Road in Marion

By Jean Perry

The Marion Fire Department received a call at 9:04 am on Friday, March 24, about a suspicious device in the middle of Pumping House Road off Route 105 in Marion.

Fire Chief Brian Jackvony said firefighters secured the area, closed off the road, and viewed the suspicious

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device from afar using binoculars. What they were able to identify was a soda can with two lit cigarettes sticking out of the top, placed in the middle of the road on top of a water valve metal street cover.

"It was certainly out of the ordinary," said Jackvony.

He said the protocol for an incident such as this is to contact the State Hazardous Material Division and the State Police bomb squad.

"At this point, we really didn't know what was in the can," Jackvony said.

Hazmat was contacted in case anything flammable or chemical was contained inside the can.

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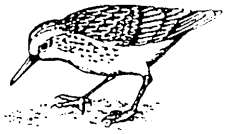

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at 10:44 am, the State Police kept the road sealed off while the bomb squad assessed the suspicious item.

According to Jackvony, the item was removed and taken with the State Police for evidence.

"We were very precautious in our approach to it," said Jackvony.

A press release from the State Fire Marshal's office reported that there was no threat associated with the device and it caused no damage. If anyone has information about it, they are asking you to contact either the Marion Police Department at 508-748-1212 or the State Fire Marshal's Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit at 1-800-682-9229.

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Candidate's Event Sparks Contention in BOS Race

By Jean Perry

It was the liveliest of all of the candidate's forums so far, said emcee Sharon Lally at the annual COA candidates' forum, but as one candidate for selectman said as he exited the building, "I'd rather schedule a colonoscopy."

Sparks started to fly between Richard Nunes, Greenwood "Woody" Hartley, and Bendrix Bailey, the candidates for Board of Selectmen, once they took to the podium on March 23 to address voters and each other.

Selectman Nunes, the incumbent of 15 years in the race for Rochester Board of Selectmen, said his interest is to keep taxes affordable, maintain fiscal responsibility, and to keep the town's rural character. He touted board accomplishments, such as the 2016 Community Compact with the governor, the regionalization of the 911 dispatch which will save taxpayers $150,000 a year, and the initiation of a 2009 investigation into non-resident students attending Rochester Memorial School.

Nunes said he also supported the new gas station/convenience store location at Routes 28 and 58, and opposed the solar farm once proposed for the center of town.

"I am only a taxpayer in Rochester," said Nunes. "I don't conduct business in town or have family members who do," said Nunes, whose speech then turned to focus on Hartley and some conflicts of interest

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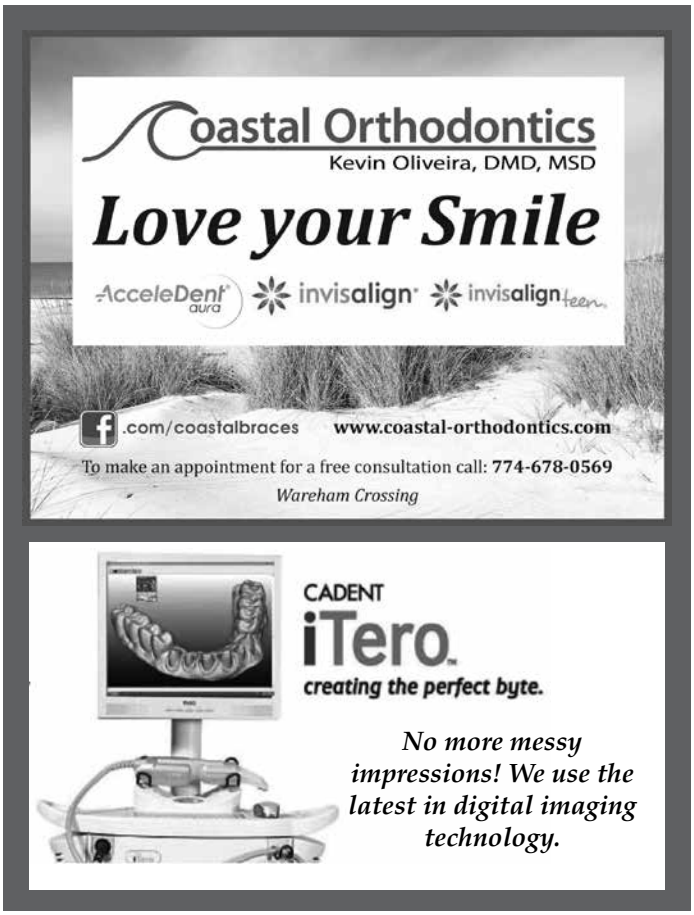
alleged by Nunes. "Mr. Hartley has a couple conflicts of interest," he said. Hartley's wife, Sharon Hartley, is on the Rochester School Committee "and a staunch advocate for schools." Nunes also said Hartley's sister is a member of the Rochester Women's Club, owners of the building that the Town leases for the town hall annex at $30,000 a year.

"It is my understanding that Mr. Hartley will be representing the Women's Club tomorrow regarding the Town and its leasing arrangement," said Nunes.

Nunes also said it was Hartley's town meeting article that voters approved, making the town meeting minimum quorum go from 75 to 100, the reason Nunes said the 2015 Annual Town Meeting was almost null and void due to it proceeding without a quorum.



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"This was perplexing given the fact that less and less registered voters are showing up at Town Meeting," said Nunes.

In closing, Nunes said, "An affordable Rochester is a constant battle and can only be sustainable if all residents speak up, and that is why I am asking for your vote on April 12."

Next up was Bailey, saying, "I'm running for selectman because I love Rochester."

Bailey has been on the Planning Board for five years.

Bailey later added that he would forfeit his selectman's salary of $4,100 annually to put towards a line item to upgrade the town website, which he deems outdated.

"I must think there are some things that need to be changed, and I do," Bailey said. The top two things, he said: leadership and transparency.

His first example of poor leadership is the offensive color of the mandated trash barrels.

"We have big blue and orange barrels in this town," said Bailey, and on every Friday, he said, the town looks like one big construction site. Middleboro received "prettier barrels, red like cranberries," with green or yellow tops. "And they just look a little bit better," he said, adding that no one had the opportunity to have any say on the colors of the barrels.

And the 911 dispatch regionalization, said Bailey, while he is unsure if it will save money for the town, what interests him is the lack of transparency the Board of Selectmen took in adopting the measure. "How was it handled?" he asked. Were workers consulted? Was the fire chief consulted? "The answer is 'no,'" he said.

"None of those people were engaged in that process," said Bailey. "It was just something the selectmen did on their own … and that's not transparent."

Bailey gave a hands-on demonstration of the town budget, having constructed a three-dimensional bar graph from a wooden block and different colored rods representing the town departments. The one depicting the school budget, of metal, towered above the others. Bailey has been very vocal about his opinion on the ORR school budget, agreeing with Tri-Town officials that the School Committee has created its financial burden through bad contract negotiations.

Bailey also griped about only having a part-time fire chief instead of a full-time one, and the police department not having Tasers.

"That's one of the first things I'm gonna do," said Bailey. "Vote for some change in town government," he urged voters.

When Hartley approached the podium, he let out a "Wow."

"Wow. I really don't know where to begin," Hartley said. "I'm a little shocked, disappointed," he said, that the election had "degraded itself to national politics,"

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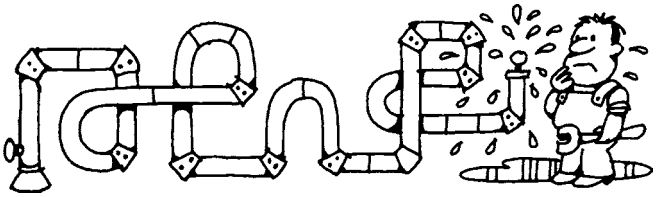
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referring to Nunes' attack.

"I think it's pretty sad," Hartley said, while defending his wife and sister for their volunteer work and how all the money collected by the Women's Club nonprofit goes back to the community. "No one takes a dime," said Hartley.

Hartley defended the quorum increase, saying the town was growing and so should Town Meeting. Nunes, he added, supported the article at the time, although Nunes later stated that he supported it "as a courtesy" to the then town moderator, Hartley.

Hartley said he has served the Town of Rochester for 45 years – from Cub Scout capacity, to town moderator, to now when he cooks breakfast for the seniors at the COA.

"I have a little business experience," said Hartley, a cranberry grower in town. "A lot of us work in town – Thank God we do – it's not a conflict of interest, that's called community."

Hartley said he sees opportunity where people see problems. "I have the ability to bring people together for a common goal."

"We do need to start planning," said Hartley. "We need to let data give us direction, not emotion." He continued, "We need to get all the people who need the money together, including the schools." Hartley said open communication and transparent government were key, criticizing the Board of Selectmen for holding executive sessions before roughly 30 meetings, 70 percent of meetings, according to Hartley.

"You will have a choice," said Hartley. "Your choice was made quite clear tonight … Ask yourself, who has been working for this town for 45 years already?"

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By ORR Principal Michael Devoll

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of the opportunity to take a class titled Creativity, Inspiration, and Innovation to explore those careers. As we examine our core values, it is clear that opportunity awaits all our students.

Selectmen Want ORR School Spending Study

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

On March 28, Mattapoisett Town Administrator Mike Gagne asked the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen to support a sum of $10,000 – a sum that will need to be approved during the upcoming spring town meeting – to hire an outside consultant to study expenditures and

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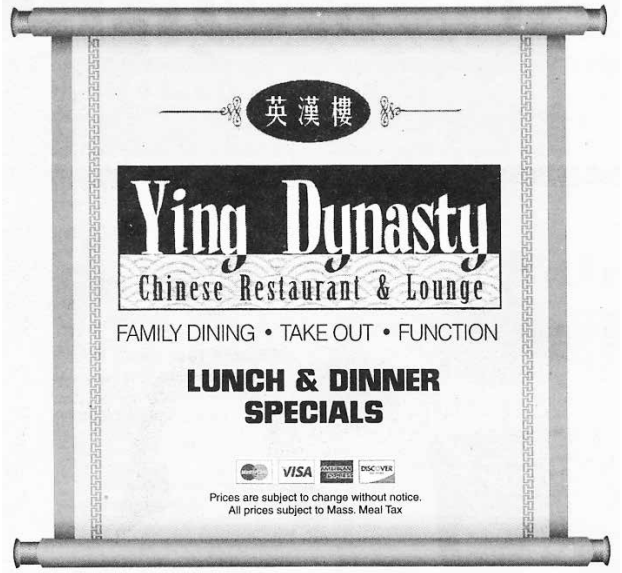

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revenues for the past several years at the ORR School District.

Concerned that a recent accrual report and study completed by KMS Actuaries declared the OPEB liability for the school district at $21 million this year, and with no plan on the part of the school district to fund OPEB, Gagne believes that time is of the essence.

Gagne said, "I feel strongly after seven years and budget cycles we need to step back and look at finances, funding, revenues of the school district."

"This is the greatest, most significant issue to address for the next eight to ten years," he told the board.

Gagne reminded the selectmen that several years ago, the town had set up budget line items to set aside money in trust accounts for the local school and town employee retirement plans. "We now have after six years $1.6 million towards that liability," he said.

But Gagne stressed the need for OPEB to be a budgetary line item at the school district as well.

"This [liability] is only going to get bigger and bigger," Gagne said.

Selectman Tyler Macallister said, "I think it's necessary … we need to take a look at getting the business of the school healthy."

Selectman Paul Silva asked how the OPEB liability was split between the Tri-Towns. Gagne wasn't sure how that would work, but thought the study would help to ferret that piece out.

Silva said, "We need to know what that number is … what if Mattapoisett puts money away but the other towns don't … we need to answer those questions."

Continuing on, Silva said, "It's not rocket science … when you have a $6 million budget, when you have salaries going up four percent per year – you are behind the eight ball."

Gagne said, "They went to school choice … it's a safety net this year … but what about next year?" He called it a severe deficit situation.

When asked why the school committee members repeated that salaries only went up two percent but the towns say it was more, Silva responded, "Step increases … they only talk about the contractual increase … when

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you put the two together the raises are four percent."

Regarding the OPEB obligations, Silva asked, "What about Old Colony?" Gagne indicated that should be part of the larger conversation.

Macallister said, "Even without the other towns, we need to get ready."

Gagne stated, "It's paramount to know how we got into this, and we need to plan and stick to the plan."

All three selectmen supported an article to appropriate money for a study. Gagne will discuss Mattapoisett's plan with Marion and Rochester to try and gain their support as well.

In other bleak budget news, Library Director Susan Pizzolato reported that the FY18 federal budget draft cuts $3.2 million dollars from library funding.

Pizzolato said in a prepared statement, "The current draft of the federal Fiscal FY 2018 budget eliminates funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, known as IMLS. The IMLS, along with appropriations made available through the Library Services and Technology Act, supports libraries across the country. This year, the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners received approximately 3.2 million dollars through the Library Services and Technology Act, from IMLS, to operate and to pass funding onto libraries directly through grants, and indirectly through services and products. IMLS ensures equitable access to quality library services. Eliminating the IMLS would mean significant staffing cuts to the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners, greatly reducing their capacity to function. Their ability to administer the programs and services that we benefit from, here in Mattapoisett, would be impacted negatively."

Pizzolato said that since 2003, Mattapoisett had received $43,200 from the fund that had been used in a variety of ways such as supporting the "tweens and teens" program and science programs such as Backyard STEM 'Science is Everywhere' backpacks. She said that if this federal cut is approved, the impact will be profound on services throughout the Commonwealth.

Gagne said that letters should be sent to Senator Elizabeth Warren and state Representative William

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Keating informing them of the town's concerns and asking for their support.

The meeting was not all bad news. Jodi Bauer came before the board asking that they grant use of the town's transfer station for the annual Pilgrim Sands Trail Rider events planned for August and September. She said that funds generated from these races go to various local needs such as equipment for the police and fire departments and nonprofit organizations such as Helping Hands and Hooves.

Bauer also asked permission to hold a second Doggie-Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, August 26, an activity sponsored by Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53 with Eagle Scout Freemin Bauer as coordinator. The event will raise money towards a local dog park. The selectmen approved the event.

Tree Committee Chairman Sandy Hering discussed a plaque for the tree planted at the town hall by the Mattapoisett Women's Club in commemoration of their Diamond Jubilee. Gagne said that usually a flat granite marker is used, but in this case they deserved something more to honor all that the organization has done for the town and its residents. Hering and Gagne will work together to find a suitable signage.

Police Chief Mary Lyons introduced the selectmen to Ross Lacasse, a new reserve officer and EMT. Lyons said Lacasse was a graduate of Bishop Stang High School and University of New Hampshire with a

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degree in sociology. Lyons said another new hire, Nathan Rock, who could not be present, was now onboard and performing in "flying colors."

Earlier in the evening, the selectmen voted to accept a settlement in the amount of $130,000 from Tamko Roof for the defective roofing materials that failed at the library expansion the first winter after installation. Gagne said the full repair was being offered in the settlement. The selectmen moved to accept the offer.

Michael Ward received approval to move to the next stages of securing an aquaculture permit for oyster growing in Nasketucket Bay.

Gagne reported that April was Autism Awareness month. In recognition of those with autism and their families, blue light bulbs may be displayed in outside lighting. Mattapoisett Town Hall will install a blue light on Friday.

Mel Pacheco, administrative assistant to the selectmen, said that a fundraiser for Rob Daener will be held at the Knight of Columbus Hall sponsored in partnership with the Lions Club on April 8 at 5:30 pm. The event will include dinner and live music. Money raised from the event will help fund a wheelchair that will allow Daener to experience standing.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **April 11** at 7:00 pm at the town hall.

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Rochester Sets Annual Town Meeting Date

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

The Rochester Board of Selectmen on March 27 approved a date for the 2017 Rochester Annual Town Meeting, agreeing on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Memorial School cafeteria.

"I don't have plans for a Special [Town Meeting] at this point," said Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar.

The board set the deadline date for the submission of articles for April 17. Citizen's petitions as well as articles proposed by town department heads would both be due on this date.

Although the Town does not foresee the need for a special town meeting, should one become necessary, the meeting would need to be posted 14 days before the date.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **April 3** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

ORR Spending May Be Studied

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

It has been widely reported that those with their finger on the financial pulse of their respective towns have been direct in telling the ORR School Committee members that their budget request was excessive. In turn, the school committee has been equally direct in saying,

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However, on March 21, the ORR School Committee did vote to accept a budget increase of $320,000, a sum falling far short of the $800,000 plus they were seeking. The FY18 ORR school budget was set at $18,093,215. Mattapoisett's share of the total school district budget is $5,420,566 for FY18, with total school aid certified at $987,558.

As the dust settled, Mattapoisett Town Administrator Michael Gagne moved towards focusing on the future – a future he believes holds the rising specter of financial disaster for the Tri-Towns. Thus, the tone was set for the March 23 meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee.

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When asked about recent ORR School Committee meetings, Gagne said, "OPEB (other post-employment benefits) to me is probably the biggest problem to come…. It has all the potential to impact bond ratings." Gagne said that OPEB stands at $21 million for ORR, without one dollar being set aside in a trust fund.

Gagne explained that state and federal regulations allow municipalities to set up OPEB trust funds that can yield as much as five percent in annual interest, a much higher percentage than allowed in other saving plans. "Those trust funds can't be touched for anything other than paying for OPEB," he said.

"The retirement pool is getting bigger … people are retiring younger. That means they are not eligible for Medicare so we have to pay the same insurance rate as we would for active employees … that is costly." And without money set aside to pay these rising costs, Gagne believes there is the potential for financial ruin to the towns.

And as for soaring health insurance costs, Gagne said rates climbed 11 percent this year.

Gagne told the FinCom members that OPEB needs to be a line item in the school budget. "It's not something whimsical."

Gagne then asked the support of the committee in seeking the selectmen's approval to move forward with an 'operations and fiscal strategic review' of ORR district spending in partnership with Rochester and Marion.

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"I want to do a five-year study of the budget…. Let's get a professional to come back with some recommendations," said Gagne. "We need to drill down…. This is the way to get the towns the information they need to make decisions as to where we are going in the future," Gagne stated. The committee members gave their support.

FinCom member Betty Pennington asked, "Isn't it the responsibility of the school committee to allocate their money?"

"Yes, they have complete autonomy. They can move money around as they want," Gagne replied.

Gary Johnson, another committee member, interjected, "But the problem is OPEB and retirement."

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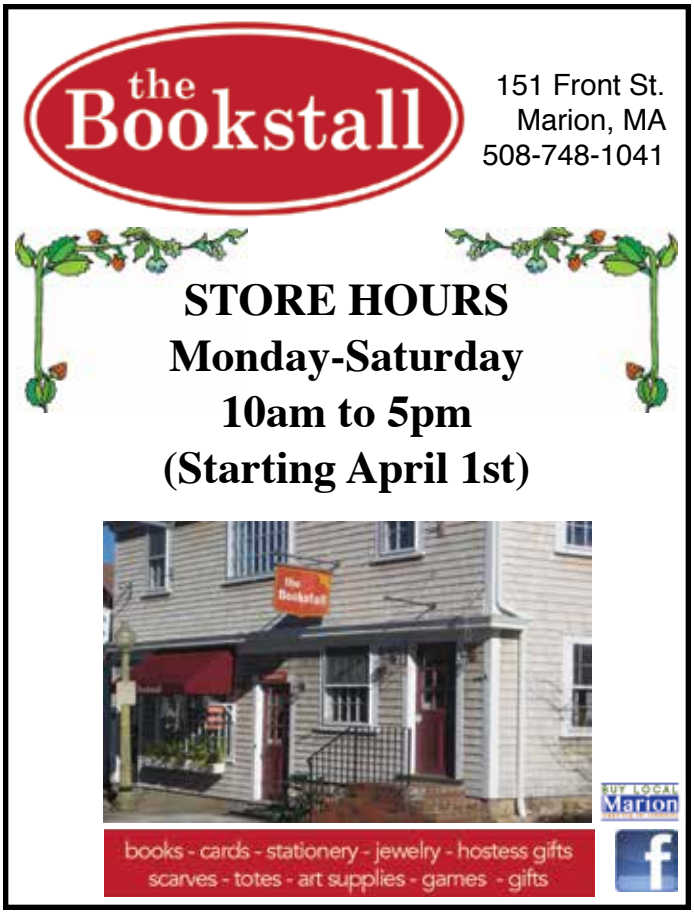

Gagne said that several years ago Mattapoisett had added a line item to fund its municipal OPEB liability. Of the ORR budget, he said, "We need analysis … we can't go another two years [without savings] … we have got to plan."

Johnson asked, "Can't we say, 'You build an OPEB plan or we'll do it for you and take it out of your budget?'"

Gagne responded, "Yes."

When asked about a Proposition 2½ override, Gagne stated, "That would be a Band-Aid … we need to identify the problems, achieve fiscal prudence, and tackle the problem."

The Tri-Town board of selectmen representative during the ORR school negotiations was Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Silva. In a follow-up, Silva added to the school budget conversation.

Silva said a request to have a bifurcated health insurance plan for new hires had failed to pass. "This year we needed a 50-50 split." He also expressed concern that the district's Excess & Deficiencies budget line item, a reserve fund, Silva explained, that is set aside for emergencies and had once held $800,000, had been "drained away" over the years to balance the ORR school budget. "That's not how that is supposed to be used," Silva said.

In other FinCom business, Gagne provided the members with an administration budget that includes increases to group health insurance – up $202,000; Medicare tax up $35,000; and workman's compensation up $21,088. Gagne also said small increases were needed for the tree warden – $2,164 to cover tree maintenance and removals; shellfish propagation – $4,000; and $6,576 for the natural resources department primarily for shellfish policing he said. Ending on a positive note, Gagne pointed to savings in utility expenses to the tune of $20,000.

Meeting with the committee members on this night was new hire Heidi Chuckran, CPA, to discuss the town accounting department budget. Chuckran is the former City of Brockton auditor whose experience and expertise were lauded by Gagne.

Chuckran said that Mattapoisett "is a hidden

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gem" and that "not many towns fund their OPEB," a critical area she said.

Chuckran presented a level-funded budget for her department with small upticks in seminars, conferences, and statewide travel. She said these were necessary to maintain her certifications.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee is scheduled for **March 30** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Tame Night For Conservation Commission

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

There have been numerous conservation commission meetings where the commissioners worked through long difficult agendas, sparred with consulting engineers over environmental impact, or tried to find a balance between Wetland Protection Act regulations and personal property rights. But not on March 27; it was a very tame night indeed.

Coming before the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission were three applicants with Requests for Determination.

First up was Katherine Norcross, 77 Long Plain Road, represented by Ron Bobola who described Norcross' plan to build a breezeway and in-law apartment on an existing home that would be 50 feet from demarcated wetlands. Norcross received a Negative 3

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determination, clearing the way for an appearance before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Next came Kenneth and Joyce Yokel, 94 Fairhaven Road, with plans to construct a 10-foot by 14-foot shed on concrete forms. With no wetland issues near the proposed site, Yokel received a Negative 2.

The final RDA heard was from Sharon Thompson, 9 Cove Street, who sought permission to add a deck under her elevated home. Chairman Bob Rogers recused himself from the proceedings to avoid a conflict of interest. Commissioner Michael King was appointed by the remaining commissioners as temporary chairman.

Thompson described her project, noting that the deck would be secured to the structure's concrete pilings and would float above the beach sand under the home. She easily received a Negative 3.

Before leaving the hearing, Conservation Agent Elizabeth Leidhold pointed out to the commissioners that a previous Order of Conditions had mandated the planting of beach grasses between Thompson's property and the adjacent home, but that a trailered motor boat was parked over the grass. Thompson said the boat would be moved by Saturday and that the grasses would return in the spring.

A continued hearing for Fred Schernecker's application for shoreline and beach nourishment at 1 Goodspeed Island was reopened with engineer David Davignon representing the applicant.

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As in previous meetings, Rogers and Davignon revisited the issue of how best to maneuver along the beach and coastal bank.

Rogers said that contractors working on the site should either use rubber-tired vehicles while restoring the bank, or Dura-Base mats to ensure that the beach was as undisturbed as possible during repairs.

Davignon pushed back a bit, noting the high cost of securing such mechanized vehicles, and over 400 feet's worth of mat material.

Rogers said, "My job isn't to help the contractors, it's to protect the beach."

Rogers said the commission would monitor the work once it began, and Davignon agreed to use one of

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those methods, or an equal one, for moving beach sand and other reconstructive materials along the bank.

A new plan of record was submitted and a previously written multi-page Order of Conditions was approved for Schernecker's Notice of Intent.

On adjacent property owned by Andrew and Jennifer McIntire, a NOI filing also continued until this night received an Order of Conditions similar to those issued for 1 Goodspeed Island for their beach nourishment plans.

Ken Motta, representing D and G Services, 23 County Road, submitted a new plan of record for stormwater management on the property. The new plan was accepted.

Residents of Brandt Point Village, Gail Carlson and Denis Demos, had an informal discussion with the commissioners in a follow-up to letters sent to Natural Heritage regarding concerns they have over a mandated turtle fences and earth movement activities at the subdivision.

Leidhold said she had contacted environment scientist Brad Holmes, who had been engaged by the developers previously to observe activities at the site. Leidhold contacted Marc Marcus the developer and put him in contact with Holmes.

Rogers said the commission's biggest challenge was the number of hours Leidhold could work – 19.5 per week – and the myriad of activities she was expected to handle in so short a workweek. But, he assured Carlson and Demos, saying, "Liz will stay in touch with Brad."

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for **April 10** at 6:30 pm in the town hall conference room.

Loranger Condo Still Facing Opposition

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

The plan for a condominium at 426 Front Street has been reduced from a six-unit, 11-bedroom complex to a five-unit, 11-bedroom one, although the footprint of the building will remain the same.

Developer Christian Loranger is seeking Marion Zoning Board of Appeals approval for the razing of an existing three-story historic home and the reconstruction and expansion of a new condominium complex that Loranger and his attorney John Mathieu maintain is a grandfathered use of the property.

Neighbors and abutters oppose the expansion of the building, saying the 35-foot high (plus three feet more for an elevator shaft), 3,972 square-foot building is outside the character of the existing neighborhood and would dwarf the surrounding houses, lowering property values.

On March 23, Loranger decided to drop the number of units to five. And now, Attorney Mathieu argues that, having been a multi-family since 1958 with three affidavits from subsequent owners who also used the property as a multi-family, the multi-family use is grandfathered and allowable under the bylaw.

"The building," said Mathieu, "we're trying to bring this property as much into compliance as possible." The new structure would be pushed back from its current location, eliminating setback issues.

Mathieu reviewed plans to reduce the driveway, while constructing a rear parking lot from gravel and planting arborvitae along the property lines to provide some screening for abutters. Several other matters were addressed, and Mathieu pointed out that the project now complies with the bylaws and is allowable.

As for being detrimental to the neighborhood as some neighbors claim, Mathieu said, "Look around the neighborhood." All parcels near the property, he said, contain businesses. It is close to the biggest intersection in town, he said, with gas stations, convenience stores, a realtor, a massage studio, and "the biggest boatyard in town."

"The neighborhood here is mixed at best," said Mathieu. "We're asking for one additional unit in a multi-family structure."

The current structure has four units, 11 bedrooms.

Mathieu says the new high-end condominiums would bring new tax revenue up to an additional $40,000 a year.

The determination that the board really needs to make, said Mathieu, is whether granting this special permit would be more detrimental to the town or the neighborhood? "And I argue that Mr. Loranger has a track record here. You can see the quality of work that he's done [at 16 Cottage Street]."

Mathieu continued, "We feel this project met all the requirements … and this project is fitting," taking transient rentals to ownership, increasing the value of the neighborhood and the tax base.

The project would still require approval for an additional unit for sewer service, Building Inspector Scott Shippey added.

ZBA member Michelle Smith commented that Mathieu's presentation was "very thorough."

A number of abutters present read from prepared statements and letters from neighbors who could not be

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present that night. They all believe the proposed building is too large for the neighborhood and their property values would decrease as a result.

Loranger said that, during the planning stages of the project, he reached out to Peter Douglas at 326 Front Street, an abutter who has been vocal in his opposition to the project, but Loranger said Douglas was unwilling to meet with him, as were other neighbors Loranger approached.

"I love this town," said Loranger, "and I've worked very, very hard to be able to live in this town and raise my family in this town … and I want the best for this town."

The hearing was continued until the next scheduled meeting on **April 13** at 7:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

Marion Closer to LED Light Replacement

Marion Energy Management Committee

By Sarah French Storer

The issue of LED street lighting continued to dominate the discussion at the March 27 meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee. Committee member Rob Fisher provided new details regarding the energy savings and program procedures for the procurement of the energy-saving lights.

The committee intends to convert all the streetlights in Marion to LED lights through a grant from the Massachusetts Rapid LED Streetlight Conversion Program. The grant would provide a 30 percent reimbursement to the town for the purchase of the LED lights.

A program representative told Fisher that the grant funding is available through 2018, but most likely will be used up by the end of this year.

"If Marion doesn't get in on the grant, we could still get in on the buying power of the program," Fisher told the committee, since there will be so many municipalities purchasing lights, which will give the purchasers leverage for a lower price.

In order for the town to qualify for the grant, it must first purchase the streetlights from Eversource. Many of the lights to be replaced are greater than 10 years old and have therefore significantly depreciated in value so that Marion is hoping to purchase them all for $1, which other towns have already successfully done.

Committee member Bill Saltonstall sought clarification from Fisher as to the cost savings to the town, to which Fisher replied that, in addition to the energy savings, there would no longer be rental or maintenance costs paid to Eversource.

Fisher noted that, by merely purchasing the lights, there would be an immediate cost savings of 20 percent on the electric bill, simply due to the lack of maintenance, service, and rental from Eversource. However, if Marion owned the lights, it would need to maintain them. Fisher listed a number of ways this could be accomplished.

"Marion could hire a service company, which Wareham does. Or if the town has a bucket truck and an electrician, we could do it ourselves or we could hire another town to do it, like Middleborough," Fisher said.

The committee seemed intrigued by the idea of piggybacking on another town's service contract, but questioned whether that town was satisfied with their contractor. Although Marion may own a bucket truck, it was unclear if the town had the expertise to perform the maintenance.

Saltonstall asked if the lights were appropriately spaced, to which Fisher replied, "The lights seem to be doing well with existing spacing."

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The pole lights recently installed on Ryder Lane and South Street apparently have their own meters, and the committee wondered about other pole lights to be replaced in addition to the cobra-style lights.

Committee Chairman David Pierce summarized the committee's next steps: "Stage 1, we get the lights for as little as possible; Stage 2, figure out whether it makes sense to replace [the lights] all at once or piece meal; and Stage 3, I recommend Rob start discussing the idea with the town officials."

Committee member Norman Hills felt that Town Administrator Paul Dawson would be the appropriate point of contact for Eversource. Hills suggested, "[We] get him to talk with Eversource to get a ballpark figure for the purchase of lights. It's the maintenance costs that will need to go to Town Meeting."

Fisher clarified that if Dawson was to speak with Eversource, the committee must first provide him with the number of lights to be replaced, and that Dawson would need to be careful in his conversation to not start the 60-day clock within which Eversource would quote a price. If Eversource quotes a price greater than the $1 price the committee is hoping for, and the town was unhappy with the price, the issue would go to an arbitrator, which could take a long time to resolve.

The committee asked Fisher to provide Dawson with an itemized before- and after-cost savings of replacing the streetlights prior to his conversation with Eversource.

Saltonstall concluded the discussion by observing that his great hope is to see the nighttime stars again in Marion, remarking, "Dark sky lighting is important, and the LED lighting addresses this issue. I love the idea and I'd love to get it done."

In other business, Saltonstall provided a brief update on the Future Generation Wind project, noting that December was the first month with all four wind turbines on-line.

"I was very interested to see what the number was," said Saltonstall. "At approximately $6,700 per month savings, which is what December was, we'd be saving the town the $80,000 annually that we predicted."

Committee member Eileen Marum reminded the committee of the sustainability talk by Jamie Jacquart to be held Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall. Pierce suggested the committee invite other town committees and departments. Marum remarked pointedly, "They should all be interested!"

The next meeting of the Marion Energy Management Committee is scheduled for Monday, **April 24**, at 7:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall.

Another Solar Farm Coming to Rochester

Rochester Planning Board

By Jean Perry

This time, residents near the corner of Rounseville and Mendell Roads are learning all about the Tao of the solar farm.

On March 28, the Rochester Planning Board heard plans for the town's potential sixth large-scale solar panel installation – this one located on an open field and partially wooded property at 453 Rounseville Road.

Just as other Rochester residents have done over the past couple of years, the residents who live near this site gathered at the Rochester Town Hall to hear about the scale of the project, whether or not they will see the panels from their houses (No! the board promises), will their property values plummet (the board says no), and if there are any health risks to solar panels (of which there are none) – questions that concern all newbies facing a new neighbor of this nature.

Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., the solar developer leasing the land to develop the solar installation, said a 3.3-megawatt solar farm is planned for the site that is currently two parcels of 67 and 14 acres. One parcel contains a house, which will be carved out into a separate two-acre lot, while the rest of the acreage is merged.

Seven acres of woodlands will be clear-cut. Thirteen acres of solar panels (8,800 panels) will be installed on the property.

Since a prior meeting with a technical review team, a 7-foot high white vinyl fence is planned for the visible perimeter of the site, with berms of 3 to 5 feet in height planned for sections where elevated terrain could be visible.

The project being planned for Rounseville Road, a designated scenic highway, cannot be seen from any public perspective along the road.

Along the wooded sections of the perimeter, a 7-foot black-coated chain-link fence is planned for security.

This project will be the first to file under the Town's updated, more stringent solar bylaw, and Chairman Arnold Johnson reassured abutters that the board has learned from past solar projects and has refined its preferences and process for protecting the town and the neighborhood.

"We always learn as we go forward, and we try to change our bylaws to reflect what's actually going on," Johnson said.

One aspect of the planning process that the board is adamant about completing is comprehensive sightline analyses from neighboring properties. The one sightline transection taken from the front lawn of the houses along the perimeter is not enough.

"We're not going down that road again," said Johnson, demanding that the developer return to take sightlines from the front steps of each home to verify that the project would not be visible above the fence screening.

"Our goal really is to not see this," said Borrego Solar Systems representative Steve Long.

But phrases such as "our goal is" and "we intend to" do not fly with this board, said member John

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"We will, they will…" said DeMaggio, is more like it. "That's the only thing we want to hear here."

Other focuses of the board apart from screening, said Johnson, include decommissioning and maintenance.

Abutters made requests such as changing the color of the fence from white to more of a "nature color," which Long said could be an option; however, white was chosen by the technical review team because of an existing white fence near the site that some thought would blend in better with the new fence. Long also said an existing stone wall around the property could also remain untouched outside the fence.

Neighbors wondered if there was any way to stop every field in Town from becoming a solar farm, but, said Johnson, unfortunately there is not. Solar installations are covered by state legislation that encourages solar development in the state, and as board member Ben Bailey pointed out to them, "Our hands are tied by the state. If you want to do something about this, make yourself heard at the state level."

"Unfortunately," said Johnson, as far as the Planning Board is concerned, "it's not a popularity contest whether we personally agree with anything … we're governed by state statute."

Resident Lance Davenport was left wondering about what benefits there are to the town with a project ("eyesore") like this one.

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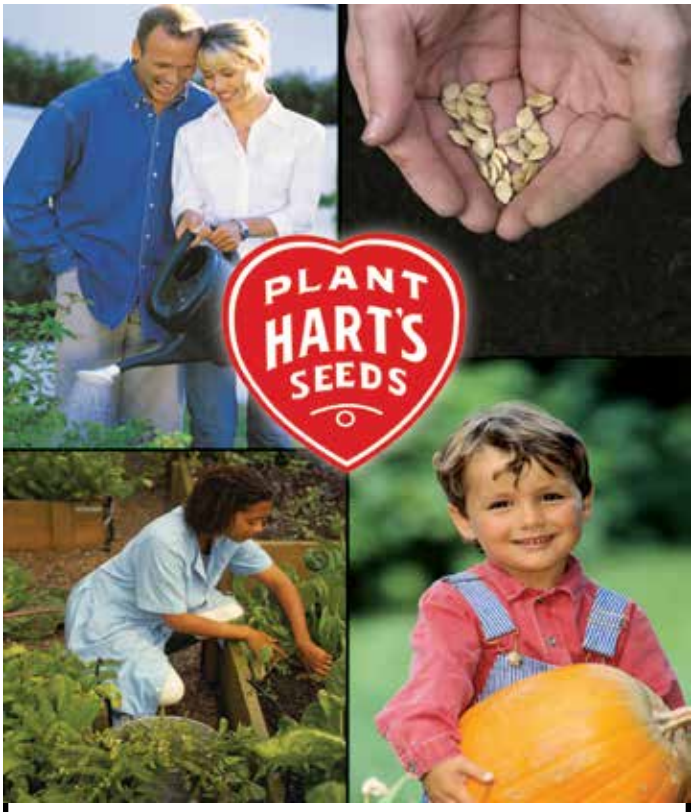
"It's a beautiful field," said Davenport to Long. "There's deer there … you're tearing it up, you truly are, and it's a shame and I get it, it's business … but this is our town and this is a beautiful town and if in every open field we have something like this, then what do we get out of this?"

The answer is, said Johnson, "Unfortunately, not much." The town cannot even collect an excise tax on the value of the equipment, Johnson added.

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on the solar project on April 4 to discuss wetlands on the site, as well as a perennial stream. Long said the project will stay outside the 100-foot wetlands buffer and 200 feet away from the stream.



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ConCom Wants Quarantine of Invasives at Dump

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

Marion Conservation Commission member Jeffrey Doubrava proposed a quarantine of a section of the Benson Brook Road leaf disposal dump at the transfer station to prevent the spread of invasive species in Marion. On March 22, the commission as a whole approved a motion to allow Doubrava to draft a letter to Carver/Marion/Wareham Refuse Disposal District Executive Director Ray Pickles to propose a system to quarantine and then burn invasive species at the leaf mulching site of the public dump.

Doubrava said that the public discards invasive species such as phragmites, bittersweet, and bamboo, "and then three years later, people get this nice, green, clean mulch and they wonder what's growing up there."

Doubrava proposed burning the invasives every spring to stop the spreading.

"That's a great idea," said Conservation Commission member Norm Hills.

Doubrava said he spoke with members of the Marion Tree Committee, as well as the Sippican Lands Trust, "and they violently support the idea," he said.

The dumpsite, though, is not under the jurisdiction of the Marion Department of Public Works; rather, it is under the management of the Carver/Marion/Wareham Regional Disposal District.

The matter will be discussed further at a future Conservation Commission meeting.

Also during the meeting, the commission closed the public hearing for Michael Popitz of Indian Cove Road to construct a second driveway in order to provide better access and easier maneuvering of Popitz's boat.

After some consideration, including posing the idea to widen the existing driveway opening in order to increase maneuverability, the commission expressed a general opposition to the altering of wetlands for the purpose of maneuvering a boat. Popitz had proposed some wetlands

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replication to mitigate the filling in of wetlands, but the commission was unsure of the viability of the plan.

The commission will take a final vote on the matter at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for **April 12** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Tri-Town Schools Wrap Up FY18 Budgets, Calendar

Joint School Committees

By Jean Perry

All the numbers are in and all fiscal year 2018 school budgets have been approved, ready for Town Meeting acceptance in May.

The ORR School Committee was still talking about the Old Rochester Regional school district budget, the most contentious, during the March 23 joint meeting of the Tri-Town school committees.

"It wasn't even level-service with that number," said ORR School Committee Chairman Tina Rood before moving on from the subject.

The three towns firmly offered only a $320,000 increase for the ORR school budget this year, resulting in the committee increasing the number of School Choice slots to supplement a level-service budget.

The total FY18 operating budget for ORR is $18,093,215 – a $452,242 (2.56%) increase from FY17. The

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individual town assessments totaling $14,633,215 are as follows: Marion $4,431,698, up $229,287 from FY17; Mattapoisett $5,420,566, up $191,861 from last year; and Rochester $4,780,951, a decrease of $103,907 from FY17. The remainder of the budget is funded by other sources of revenue from the school district, including the increased number of School Choice slots that will add $5,000 in additional revenue for each student entering the district.

"The townspeople support our schools," said Rood. "They believe in the work that's being done here, and they expect us to put forth to them what we think is important in our schools."

The Marion local school district budget is up $68,452, a mere 1.17%, totaling $5,929,108.

Mattapoisett's budget, which is up $182,417 or 2.69%, totals $6,964,650.

In Rochester, the FY18 budget rose by $138,735, or 2.34%, to $6,076,537.

In all, the three towns spend a total of $37,063,510 on education in Tri-Town.

"All in all," said School Business Administrator Patrick Spencer, "it's a lot of money to help our schools and we'll try to do our best."

In other matters, the joint school committees voted to accept the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. Good Friday next year, March 30, has been scheduled as a day off from school.

The next meeting of the joint school committees is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 10**, at 6:30 pm in the junior high media room.

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Rochester Memorial Budget Set

Rochester School Committee

By Marilou Newell

The Rochester School Committee met on March 23 with a focus on the local school budget.

Superintendent Doug White presented the $6,076,537 FY18 budget, which is a 2.34% or $138,735 increase over FY17. The increases comprise: $115,081 (6.55%) for special education; $21,793 (0.75%) in professional staffing, $7,251 (2.58%) in regular day transportation; and an unspecified 'other' category for $7,281, a new line item. Also noted in the details was a negative $12,671 savings in maintenance and utilities.

White said, "Special education is $1,871,771 and regular day $4,204,766." In 2016, White's data showed that the school system served 84 students in special education.

Director of Student Services Michael Nelson explained that towns must pay the first $50,000 in special education costs for a student, and then the district is subsequently reimbursed up to 75% for costs in excess of that amount.

White also said the budget reflects a request to fund a .3 part-time health instructor to achieve health directives identified through the Healthy Tri-town Coalition.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Elise Frangos discussed the importance of early health intervention. "Challenges in student choices start in the elementary grades … choices in friendships, nutrition and how the body works…" she explained. Frangos said it's too late to start helping students make good choices in the absence of a program at the elementary level. "We found it's too late by the time they reach junior high." With the health educator in the elementary grades, she said, "Kids are going to enter the junior high knowing how to make better choices."

The budget was unanimously passed.

School Principal Derek Medeiros reported that school enrollment in 2016-17 stood at 471 and that he's seeing an uptick for the coming year.

Regarding the upcoming MCAS testing, Medeiros said the teachers had completed a run-through with the students using Chromebook technology. He felt confident the students would be ready to navigate the testing platform.

School Committee Chairman Tina Rood congratulated the Destination Imagination teams for their fine performances and said that, of the 14 teams in the district, eight were moving on to the state level competitions.

Frangos said that meetings are planned in the coming weeks to introduce parents to the new report card system that begins in the fall. Meetings are scheduled to

take place at Sippican School on March 29 at 6:30 pm and at Rochester Memorial School on April 26 at 6:30 pm. Parents may elect to attend any meetings in the district.

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for **April 5** at 4:15 pm at Rochester Memorial School in the main office conference room.

Night of Music at FORM Choral Concert

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

Last week's FORM Choral Concert provided a platform for the choir students in the Old Rochester Regional district to showcase their music to family and community members.

Superintendent Doug White began the event by speaking about the importance of the music program at the Tri-Town schools, and asking all to continue to participate through the ongoing process. White also thanked FORM for their work supporting the music departments at all six schools before recognizing and introducing the "dedicated staff."

Led by Willow Dowling, Old Hammondtown's choir started off the concert with a set of upbeat and hopeful songs, and students Amalie Dupre and Logan Maher were featured in "The Light that Shines in Me." Their final piece, "Ribbons In The Sky," provided the audience with a colorful visual performance of waving ribbons to display a rainbow to go along with the song's lyrical metaphor. The addition of rain sticks, played by Corrine Robert, Meredith Cameron, and Ezra Thompson, created an extra layer to the song.

Rochester Memorial School followed under the direction of Susan Audette as they opened with a three-section song. The elementary students also sang an upbeat Latin song, "Gloria Deo," and a tune once sung on the Underground Railroad, "Follow the Drinking Gourd."

Sippican School performed last out of the elementary schools; they continued the Underground Railroad theme with their first piece, "This Train." Directed by Patricia Richard, the following songs held an ethereal sound echoing throughout the high school gymnasium. "Bye bye Blackbird" featured students Emma Jhou and Caroline Crosby, while "The Dream Keeper," with lyrics written by Harlem Renaissance leader Langston Hughes, featured the voice of student Grace Ward.

Several member parents with the Friends of Old Rochester Music took this opportunity to address the assembled audience of parents. Christine Parker, the head of FORM, thanked everyone for coming and briefly spoke about the group and its mission to support the upper school's music programs.

"We have to really come together as a community to let our officials know how important musical education is," Parker said.

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The ORRJHS chorus took to the risers afterwards under the direction of Angie Vaughn. They began with a quiet and heartfelt song, "Listen to the Wind," featuring student vocalists Margaret Berry, May Caron, Bridget Farias, Taylor Green, Meghan Horan, Chase Taylor, and Hannah Teixeira. This was followed by "Lightning!" which chronicled a thunderstorm; the audience gasped in surprise when caught unaware by the choir's loud "boom" of thunder. The junior high finished with a calm song with lyrics from a poem by Emily Dickinson.

The high school drama club then filed into the back of the gym to watch their classmates in the ORRHS chorus, directed by Mike Barnicle, sing their set. The singers began with the gospel song "Wade in the Water," featuring vocalists Kelly Bruce, Lilah Gendreau, Madeleine Root and Brianna Lynch. This was followed by a Frank Sinatra classic, "Old Devil Moon," and lastly a combination of "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" and "Love Train." This combo allowed the audience to interact with the performance, as many began to clap and sing along; some of the elementary students could be seen dancing in their seats.

The concert concluded with all five assembled choirs singing in unison to the classic tune "Let It Shine."

Tabor to Host Accepted Students for Revisit Day

Tabor Academy Update

By Jack Gordon

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seniors count down their last nine weeks until graduation, Tabor Academy is preparing to welcome the newest class of incoming Seawolves in the upcoming week. On April 4, 6, and 7, accepted students from all over the world will come to Tabor to get a second – and in some cases first – look at the school.

After an extensive application season that lasts throughout the majority of the school year in which prospective students complete an application and an interview, the admissions decisions were finally announced on March 10. For some, an acceptance letter to Tabor may be a sure path for the years ahead, but for others Tabor is one of several schools to which they have been accepted.

For accepted students and parents of both natures, the three Revisit Days offer an opportunity to experience life as a student in a way that the student-led campus tours cannot. For Tabor's faculty and students, these days are an opportunity to show all that the school has to offer on a personal and first-hand basis.

"It gives incoming students an opportunity to see the daily life of a Tabor student in all aspects of our school," said Head Tour Guide and senior Kat Mitchell, "Whether it be academics, community life, or extracurricular activities, coming to Revisit Day will allow our future Seawolves to further understand our school."

Prospective students are assigned a current student, typically in the grade they will be entering, who brings them around campus for a traditional day of classes. While many students will go to class with their guide, students typically attend classes fitting their interests, and often get a chance to enter the class discussions or activities.

"One thing about Revisit Day that made me want to come to Tabor was how happy the person I was visiting with was. They were having a great time in every class and had lots of friendly interactions in between classes as well. Even to this day, the person I revisited with is one of my best friends," said freshman Drew Kirk.

In addition to classes, student guides bring the revisiting students to lunch where they not only get a taste of a typical Tabor meal but also a chance to meet

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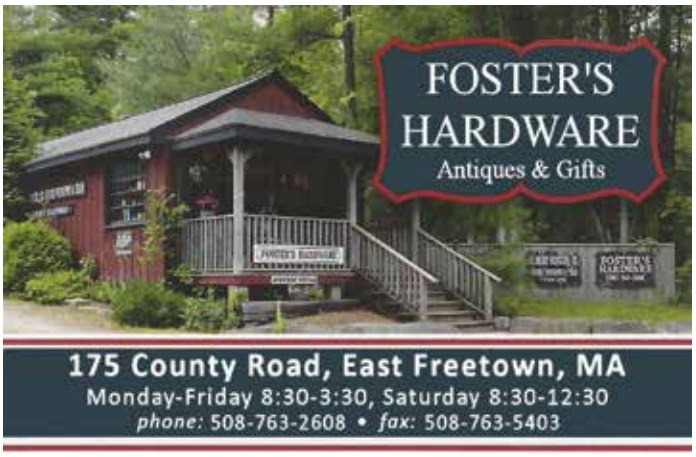

their fellow classmates next year.

One core event enjoyed by accepted students and their parents is the Chapel program, which will be held during every Revisit Day. Chapel is held twice a week during a typical school day, and often features some type of musical performance and a senior student speaker as the main event.

The final event of the day is the co-curricular fair, an event held in the Fish Center Fieldhouse that puts on display the many sports, activities, and clubs that are available for the students at Tabor. At this event, student leaders and faculty members gather at their respective tables for their activities to speak with families and answer any questions they may have.

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For most current students who had the opportunity to revisit Tabor upon their acceptance, the Revisit Day programs are cited as a key reason for choosing to attend Tabor.

Kirk, who attended Revisit Day last year, said that his favorite memory was visiting an English class that day, saying, "It allowed me to see how engaged the whole class is and how the teacher uses very interesting lessons to help you learn."

In the group of Head Tour Guides, who are the student leaders during Revisit Days, the whole process has come full circle from when they revisited Tabor themselves.

"My Revisit Day is still very vivid in my memory, and the people I met on this day are the reason I chose Tabor," said Head Tour Guide and senior Duhita Das.

Fellow Head Tour Guide and senior Lulu Russell had similar positive experiences.

"I sat at lunch with my host and her friends, who also had revisit students, and I just remember how friendly and welcoming the students were. It was also really cool being able to meet some of my future possible classmates and how interesting and different each one was," she said.

Though Revisit Days are always exciting and entertaining for the accepted families, the events can sometimes be even more exciting and entertaining for the host students.

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Tabor has still not yet publicly released information or statistics on the applicant pool for the 2017-2018 school year.

ORR Athletes Receive Recognition

ORR Sports Update

By Alexandra Hulsebosch

Boys' Basketball: The Bulldogs started out the season strong. They continued to work hard throughout their regular season, advancing all the way to the semi-finals of the MIAA state tournament. Not only did the team work well together, they also had a few key players who stood out. Junior guard **Jason Gamache** worked as a solid defender and impressive offender, which earned him a spot on one local publication's 'All-Star Team.' He was the leading 3-pointer with 43 in the regular season, and he averaged 12.7 points throughout the year. The second All-Star for the Bulldogs was senior captain **Matt Valles**. The 6-foot-7 center was known for his rebounds and layups. He averaged 16 points and 14 rebounds a game. In the three postseason games, Valles scored 70 points and 60 rebounds. Senior **Jacob Caffarella** was named an honorable mention for his consistency and hard work throughout the season. Senior captain **Russell Noonan** was named 'Boys Basketball Player of the Year.' Noonan was noticeably Old Rochester's most valuable player throughout the season. His skills were crucial for

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both the defense and the offense. Noonan scored a total of 678 points throughout his high school basketball career.

Girls' Basketball: Throughout the season, the Lady Bulldogs relied on a large variety of players to make it into the postseason. Sophomore **Maddie Demanche** earned an honorable mention for her excellent defense and ability to maneuver the ball on offense. Senior captain **Sophia Church** was recognized as an All-Star this season. She consistently led the team with points scored and was also a key component of the Bulldog defense and a leader on the court. Freshman **Mary Butler** was the glue that held this team together throughout the season. She used her constant and endless energy to average 6.7 points per game, nearly 10 rebounds per game, 207 total rebounds, 19 blocks, 44 steals, and 26 jump balls. Not only was Butler crucial in the offense and mid-court, but she was the heart of the team's defense. For these accomplishments, Butler was named to the Super Team.

Girls' and Boys' Track: Old Rochester track teams consistently produce amazing track and field athletes. The boys' shuttle hurdle team was composed of **Will Hopkins, Eli Spevak, Harry Smith** and **Danny Renwick**. They earned seventh place at the New Balance Nationals Indoor Track Meet. The team also managed to set a new school record of 30.30 seconds. An important member of this team, Will Hopkins was also named to the Super Team. He competed in the 55m dash where he earned third in the South Coast Conference (8.09), third in the Division 5 states (7.88), sixth in All-States (7.84), and fifth in New England's (7.73). Hopkins also had personal bests this season in the long jump (20-7), 300 (39.34), and high jump (5-10). Another member of the shuttle hurdle team and Super Team was Eli Spevak. Individually, he placed second in the 55-meter hurdles in the South Coast Conference championship (8.02), fourth in Division 5 (7.91), seventh in All-States (7.88) and 14th in New England's (7.99). Spevack also completed personal bests in the long jump (19-11.5) and high jump (5-6). As a member of the 4x400 team, he earned first place at the Division 5 Championship (3:34.14) and tenth place at All-States (3:30.57). Junior Harry Smith was named an All-Star for his efforts in the shuttle hurdle team and personal accomplishments. He placed second in the shot put at the South Coast Championship (42-09) and fifth in the 55m hurdles (8.12). Another All-Star was **Adam Sylvia**. Being one of the most talented long-distance runners on the South Coast, he managed a season best in the 2-mile (10:53) and 1-mile (4:44.19). Sylvia earned second place in the South Coast Championship for the 2-mile. Additionally, he competed in the 600 (1:29.40) and 1000 (2:47.7) and was a member of the 4x4000 relay team. This relay team won the Division 5 meet (3:34.13) and placed tenth at the All-States meet (3:30.57). Senior **Andrew Nadeau** was recognized as an honorable mention this season. Danny Renwick was honored with the Boys Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. In the 55m

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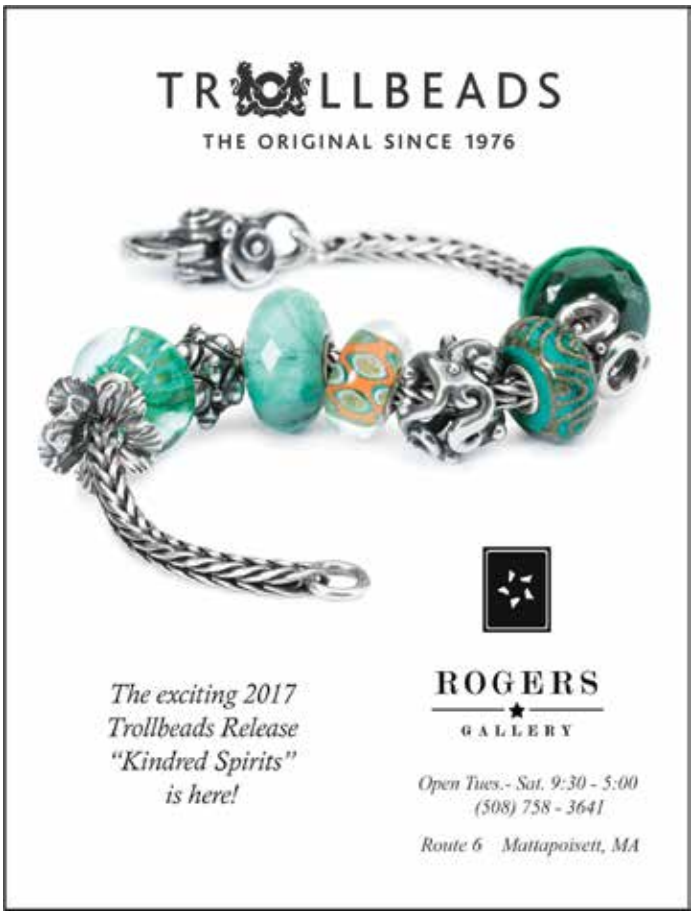

hurdles, he was continuously determined to improve throughout the season. Renwick placed first at the South Coast Championships (7.96) and Division 5 meet (7.71). At the New Balance Nationals Indoor, he placed second overall to become an All-American for the first time in school history. In that meet, he ran a personal best of 7.65 seconds. Renwick also managed to finish in the top five for all five pentathlon events (60-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put and 1,000 meters). **Brooke Santos** also won Girls' Indoor Track Athlete of the Year. At the Division 5 meet, she placed second in the high jump and third in the 55m hurdles. This qualifies Santos for the All-State meet, the only girl to make it from the South Coast. While she competed at the New Balance Nationals Indoor, her shuttle hurdles ranked sixteenth. Santos showed her abilities at the Boston Holiday Challenge and MSTCA Pentathlon where she placed fifth and eighteenth, respectively.

Correction

In the March 23 edition of *The Wanderer*, the article entitled *Five to Run for Selectman in Marion* mistakenly listed Michael Popitz and Edwin "Ted" North as candidates for the Planning Board. The two gentlemen pulled papers for the election, but did not return them and will not be on the ballot; therefore, there are only two Planning Board candidates on the ballot and three available seats.

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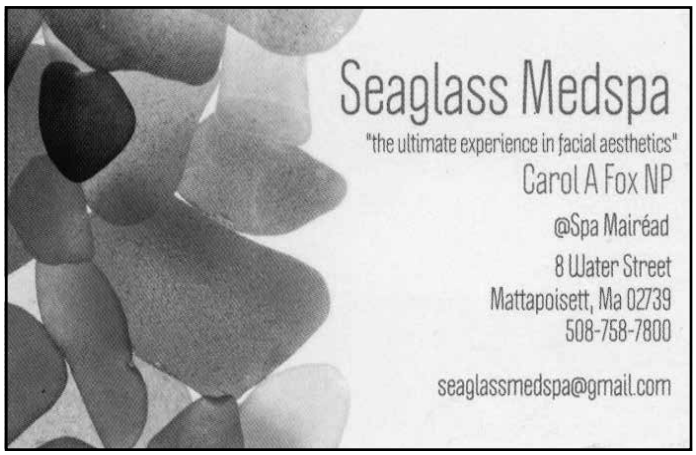

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ORCTV Annual Meeting

ORCTV will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, **April 29**. The annual meeting will begin at noon and will include the election of new officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. All current ORCTV members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The nominees for 2017 are: Membership seat: Elaine Botelho - 1 year; Mattapoisett seat: Patricia McArdle - 2 years; Marion seat: Chris Charyk - 2 years; and Rochester seat: Tom Bretto - 2 years.

Date Change for April Open Table

Neither snowstorms nor vent hoods nor holidays (secular or religious) nor scheduling conflicts will keep us from our appointed rounds. Open Table will serve another meal another day, which is Friday, **April 28** to be precise. We are sorry about the cancellations and postponements and beg your understanding of circumstances beyond our control.

Needless to say, we have missed serving our very loyal customers and are looking forward to seeing you on April 28. As usual, doors will open at 4:30 pm and supper will be served at 5:00 pm. The birds will be singing and the flowers will be blooming, for spring will be here at last. Hooray!

Mattapoisett Lions Easter Egg Hunt

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 15** at Veteran's Park, Ned's Point Lighthouse from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come meet the Easter bunny and hunt for some good eggs! Weather permitting. The event is free. No pre-registration required. For more information, email mattlionsclub@gmail.com.

Reptiles Of Massachusetts

There are many misunderstandings between humans and scaled creatures, which has led to problems for the reptiles. Meet some of Massachusetts' resident reptiles and find out about human threats to their survival. Program date is Friday, **April 28**, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion. Cost is $10 for members, $12 for nonmembers, and $5 for children under 12. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Marion Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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Marion COA Learning and Leisure Lectures

All lectures begin at 12:45 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, and are free and open to the community.

Monday, **April 3**: "Henry David Thoreau: Civil Disobedience." Henry David Thoreau was an American poet, essayist, philosopher, naturalist and abolitionist. Professor of American Literature at UMass Dartmouth and Marion resident Charles White will present an informal lecture on Henry David Thoreau and his essay Civil Disobedience.

Monday, **April 10**: "Sippican School Jazz Band." The philosophy of the music program at Sippican School is to expand each student's musical education, demonstrate the benefits of consistent effort, instill the need for accountability and team work in each student, and to have FUN. Under the direction of Hannah Moore, we will be treated to an afternoon of music from the talented youth of the Sippican School Jazz Band.

Monday, **April 24**: "New England Pie: History Under a Crust." Pie has been a delectable centerpiece of Yankee tables since Europeans first landed on New England's shores in the seventeenth century. With a satisfying variety of savory and sweet, author Robert Cox takes a bite out of the history of pie and pie-making in the region. From the crackling topmost crust to the bottom layer, explore the origin and evolution of popular ingredients like the Revolutionary roots of the Boston cream.

Elizabeth Taber Library Spring Children's Programs

Spring Story Time for children between the ages of three and five begins April 3 and runs through May 22. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger-plays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

Spring Tales for Twos, for children 24-35 months, begins April 5 and runs through May 31. Children must be 2 years old by April 1, 2017 to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. The half-hour of stories, finger-plays and crafts takes place at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings.

Spring Lapsit, for children birth through 23 months and their caregivers, begins April 4 and runs through May 30. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 am and includes a 20 minute "story time" followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per "lap" please!

Pre-registration is required for these programs; please sign up by stopping by the library, calling 508-748-1252 or by e-mailing Mrs. Grey, Children's Librarian at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

Appointments Announced at Tabor Academy

Effective April 15, Ms. Bobbi Krein will be Tabor Academy's next Director of Admissions. Bobbi comes to the role with over 25 years of boarding school experience, having fulfilled several administrative roles over her career including college counseling, admissions marketing, director of admissions at two independent schools, summer camp director, teacher, advisor and houseparent. Recently, she has coached the school's burgeoning volleyball program. Head of School John Quirk remarked, "Bobbi is a devoted school person, with broad experience in both the inward- and outward-facing work of top-notch schools like Tabor. Her clear ease in connecting with students and families, along with a keen understanding of admissions and marketing practices in independent schools, makes her appointment timely and appropriate to ensure Tabor's significant admissions momentum." Bobbi has been at Tabor since 2013, first as Associate Director of Admissions and Director of Enrollment Marketing and more recently as the Director of the Tabor Academy Summer Program.

Bobbi succeeds Andrew McCain '84, who has served as Director of Admissions at Tabor for 20 years. Andrew will transition his expertise in relationship building to the Tabor Advancement Office as the Director of Alumni Relations effective April 15. John Quirk shared, "During Andrew McCain's leadership in Admissions, Tabor's enrollment stance has grown steadily and

OBITUARIES

There were no obituaries for this week.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Local Cable Programming

ORCTV

Check www.orctv.org for the latest updates to the schedule.

PUBLIC ACCESS
Comcast Channel 9
Verizon Channel 36

Thursday March 30, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Senior Scene
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
9:00 AM Expedition New England
9:30 AM The Chico and Bman Show
10:00 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM The Collective Chat - Episode 6 Interview 3
11:30 AM J9 on 9 - Episode #1 - Karma Salon
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM Senior Scene
2:30 PM 30 Medical Minutes
4:00 PM The Registers Report
4:30 PM Sci-Fi Journal - January 2017
5:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Bug Works
6:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
7:00 PM Cape Cod Health News - Winter 2017
8:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
8:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
11:00 PM Investigators Of The Unknown

Friday March 31, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Fast Forward
8:00 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
9:00 AM Senior Scene
9:30 AM Physician Focus - November 2016
10:00 AM 30 Medical Minutes
10:30 AM Take it to Auction
11:00 AM Going Deeper
11:30 AM B Green Project
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Legal Ease - Trusts
2:00 PM Language of Business
2:30 PM The Fox Robbins Business Show
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM Recipes Unwrapped - Pizza
5:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
6:00 PM The Collective Chat
6:30 PM Reeling- The Movie Review Show

Saturday April 1, 2017
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM Childrens Corner - Sweet Maple Syrup
9:00 AM Sci-Fi Journal - February 2017
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM The Collective Chat - Episode 6 Interview 2
11:00 AM SouthCoast Matters
12:00 PM ORR Hockey
1:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame 2017
2:00 PM The Dog Pound Rundown - Episode 3
4:00 PM The Folklorist
6:00 PM What's Linda Cooking - Chicken Parmesan Soup
6:30 PM J9 on 9 - Episode #1 - Karma Salon
7:00 PM The Steve Katsos Show

Sunday April 2, 2017
6:00 AM Second Coming Church
7:00 AM The New Testament Church of Cedarville
8:00 AM Music and the Spoken Word
8:30 AM Community Baptist Church
9:00 AM Life Matters
9:30 AM First Congregation Church of Rochester
11:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
11:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
12:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
12:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
1:00 PM Your Federal Government
2:00 PM The Commonwealth Report
2:30 PM First Congregation Church of Rochester
4:00 PM Senior Scene - Senior Care
4:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors
5:00 PM SouthCoast Matters
5:30 PM Physician Focus - March 2017
6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
7:00 PM ORRJHS Alice @ Wonderland
9:00 PM The New Testament Church of Cedarville
10:00 PM The Registers Report - 74
10:30 PM SouthCoast Matters
11:00 PM Life Matters
11:30 PM Music and the Spoken Word

Monday April 3, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Senior Scene
8:00 AM SouthCoast Matters
8:30 AM Childrens Corner
9:00 AM Take it to Auction
9:30 AM Language of Business
10:00 AM Cape Cod Health News - Winter 2017
10:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
11:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
11:30 AM Cooking Healthy with Coastline - Meals on Wheels
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Garage X
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle: Focus on Europe
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle: Tomorrow and Toda
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle: Global 3000
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle: Euromaxx
4:30 PM 30 Medical Minutes
5:30 PM Recipes Unwrapped - Pizza
6:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
6:30 PM Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM The Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM Legal Ease
8:00 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers - Tiling
8:30 PM The Yoga Mat - Episode 2
10:00 PM Cape Cod Health News - Winter 2017
10:30 PM The Fox Robbins Business Show
11:00 PM The Steve Katsos Show
11:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show

Tuesday April 4, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Physician Focus - January 2017
8:00 AM Language of Business
8:30 AM The Registers Report
9:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
9:30 AM Recipes Unwrapped - Pizza
10:00 AM The Collective Chat - Episode 6 Interview 2
10:30 AM The Yoga Mat - Episode 2
11:00 AM Painting Journeys
12:00 PM Movie - Palooka
2:00 PM Your Federal Government
3:00 PM SouthCoast Matters
3:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
4:30 PM Senior Scene
5:00 PM Physician Focus - January 2017
5:30 PM Eat Well Be Happy
6:00 PM The Language of Business
6:30 PM The Registers Report
7:00 PM Money Matters TV
7:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Folklorist
8:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal - January 2017
10:00 PM Investigators Of The Unknown
11:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
11:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe

Wednesday April 5, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM The Chico and Bman Show
8:00 AM The Childrens Corner
8:30 AM Sci-Fi Journal
9:30 AM The Folklorist
10:00 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
11:00 AM Garage X
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
3:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal - January 2017
4:00 PM ORR Hall of Fame: Class of '17 Inductees
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - 100 Years of the H-12 with Halsey Herreshoff
6:00 PM Legal Ease
6:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
7:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History
8:00 PM Mobile Ministries
8:30 PM Painting Journeys
9:30 PM ORR Boys Ice Hockey: State Final

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion School Committee - March 15, 2017
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission - March 22, 2017
12:00 PM Marion Planning Board - March 20, 2017
1:31 PM Marion Board of Selectmen - March 21, 2017
4:30 PM Marion School Committee - March 15, 2016
6:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen - March 21, 2017
8:30 PM Marion Planning Board - March 20, 2017
10:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission - March 22, 2017

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - March 23, 2017
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 21, 2017
10:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - February 23, 2017
11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board - March 14, 2017
1:30 PM Rochester Board Selectmen - March 6, 2017
2:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - February 23, 2017
3:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - March 21, 2017
5:30 PM Rochester Board Selectmen - March 6, 2017
7:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 14, 2017
9:30 PM Rochester School Committee - March 23, 2017

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule

7:00 AM The Dog Pound Rundown Episode 3
8:00 AM ORR Hockey State Final
9:30 AM F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2017
11:00 AM ORR Hall of Fame Class of '17 Inductees
12:00 PM The Dog Pound Rundown - Episode 3
1:00 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers - Medical Billing
1:30 PM ORRJHS Presents Alice @ Wonderland
3:00 PM ORR Hockey State Final
4:30 PM The Dog Pound Rundown - Episode 3
5:30 PM ORRJHS Presents Alice @ Wonderland
6:30 PM ORR Hockey State Final
8:00 PM ORR Budget Public Hearing - March 20, 2017
11:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee - March 23, 2017

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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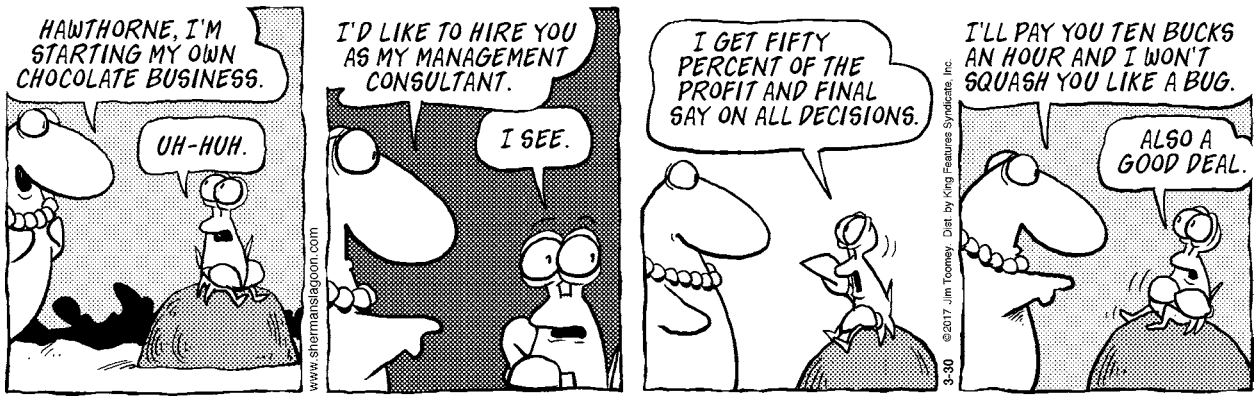
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



dramatically. An increased applicant pool and enhanced attention to the marketing of our message allow us to attract some of the best independent school students out there, as more and more families seek to join our School by the Sea.

"Our ability to attract and retain excellent faculty such as Bobbi and Andrew as they seek career growth and new challenges is a tribute to our fine school, and to the community of professional growth we enjoy here at Tabor."

Historical Societies Sponsor Author Talk

On Sunday, **April 9** at 2:00 pm, author and historian Stephen Puleo will talk about his latest book, *American Treasures*, at Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett.

American Treasures is the story of the U.S. government's secret efforts to save the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Gettysburg Address. These and other priceless documents were secretly relocated from the Library of Congress to other places for safekeeping in 1941 and 1942, when U.S. political and military leaders feared an attack on Washington D.C. in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After his talk, Mr. Puleo will answer questions and sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase.

This event is sponsored by the historical societies

TriTown Happenings

The Sippican School gymnasium was lit up the night of Thursday, March 23, for the annual sixth grade versus staff and parents basketball game. The adult team seemed to have fun giving the students a consistently hard time throughout, but in the end, it was the students who triumphed 37-33. Photos by Colin Veitch

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of Freetown, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Marion, and Wareham.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Memory Loss Support Group Facilitators Needed

Are you caring, compassionate, creative and looking for a meaningful volunteer experience in your community? Community Nurse Home Care and the Marion Council on Aging are starting a new memory loss support group for individuals with memory loss and their caregivers. This new group will meet on Thursday afternoons beginning in June.

Join us for an information session on Wednesday, **April 5**, at 1:30 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street to learn more about this opportunity. Support and training will be provided to volunteers free of charge. To register, or if you are interested but cannot attend on April 5, please call Joanna Viera, 508-992-6278, for more information.

Tri-Town Early Childhood Program

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program, located at Old Rochester Regional High School, is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The preschool program serves 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds and follows the school calendar. The program is unique in that it provides a high quality early childhood education opportunity to preschoolers, while also offering high school students

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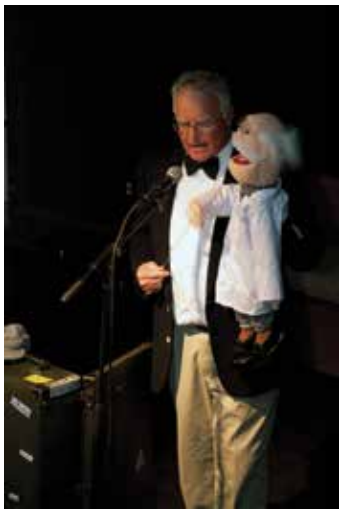
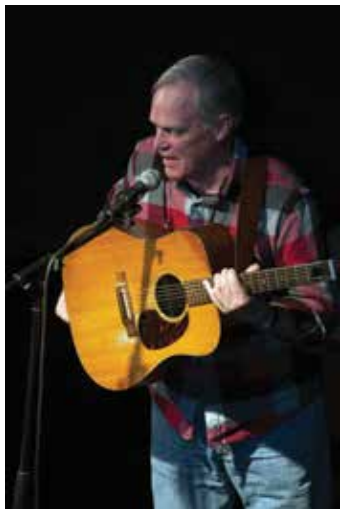
TriTown Happenings



The Marion Art Center on March 25 hosted an Open Mic Night, featuring 11 performers who brought their talent to about 50 in the audience. Photos by Felix Perez



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a chance to learn about working in the field of early childhood education. A licensed early childhood teacher and a rotation of high school students staff the classroom.

A limited number of spaces are available. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The enrollment policy is based on a balance of 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds, a balance of boys and girls, and a balance among residents of the three member towns. All students must be toilet trained.

For an application or for more information, contact Janet Gauvin at 508-758-3745 ext. 1908 or Aimee Fox at 508-758-3745 ext. 1612.

You may also visit our website at www.tritownpreschool.weebly.com.

Sippican Historical Society Speakers' Program

Take a visit back in time to early law enforcement and corrections. "Plymouth County Corrections, Then & Now" takes you on a journey through the county jail system in Massachusetts and tells the story of some of our most infamous inmates! Hosted by the Sippican Historical Society, Liisa Budge-Johnson from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department will speak on **March 30** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall.

Adult Programs at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Free Technology Workshops: Thursdays in April and May at 11:00 am. Come to the Elizabeth Taber Library to learn more about using email, social media, and taking advantage of all that the library resources have to offer! Workshops will include: April 6 - Computer Basics: Setting up an email; April 13 - Advanced Email: Sending photos and organizing email; April 20 - Intro to Google Drive; April 27 - Facebook Q&A; May 4: Magazines, movies, more books, oh my! (ETL's free online resources); May 11: Find your next Great Read through online resources!

To register for any one of these workshops, please stop in, call us at 508-748-1252, or email Libby at eoneill@sailsinc.org.

Letgo Workshop: Thursday, April 6, 4:00 pm. Learn all about using Letgo on your phone as an App or through the website on your computer. It's a free site (www.letgo.com) where you can make money selling what you don't need and find great deals in your area. Registration is required.

Tabor Tech Help: Sunday, April 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Stop in for one-on-one technology assistance from a Tabor Academy student.

Cooking Healthy Workshop with Karen Covey: Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 pm. Do you want to start cooking and eating a bit healthier? Then please join us for a cooking demonstration with author and chef Karen Covey.

Karen J. Covey is the founder and publisher of *The Coastal Table*, a food and lifestyle quarterly journal. She is also the author of *The Coastal Table: Recipes Inspired by the Farmlands and Seaside of Southern New England*, published in 2013 by Union Park Press. Currently, she works as a recipe developer, personal chef, and teaching instructor. She lives in Mattapoisett.

To register for this program, please call the library at 508-748-1252 or email Libby at eoneill@sailsinc.org.

Poetry Reading: Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm. Do you have a favorite poem or have you written one you'd like to share? Then please join us for an afternoon poetry reading to celebrate National Poetry Month. To register, please call the Elizabeth Taber Library at 508-748-1252.

Book a Librarian: Do you have basic technology questions or need assistance with an electronic device you recently acquired? Then call the library to book a one-on-one appointment with one of our friendly staff members. We're happy to help!

Mystery Book Club: Please join us for our monthly mystery book discussion on Wednesday, April 5, at 11:00 am. We will be discussing *Come Home* by Lisa Scottoline. Please stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library today to register and reserve a copy of the monthly book.

Afternoon Book Club: Please join us for our monthly afternoon book discussion on Tuesday, April 18, at 2:00 pm. We will be discussing *Georgia* by Dawn Tripp. Please stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library today to register and reserve a copy of the monthly book.

Movie Review

Human Monsters

By Rob Gonsalves
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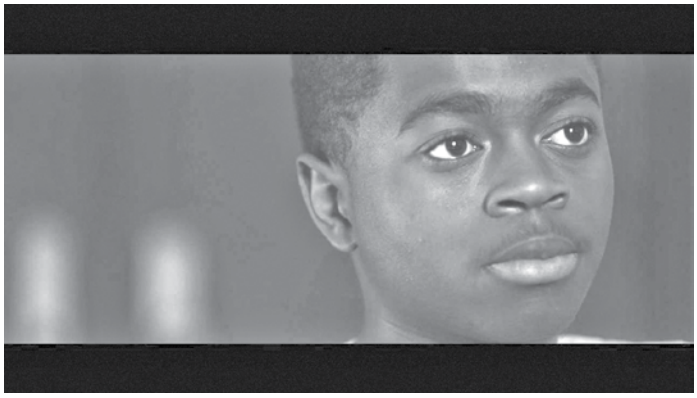

The Transfiguration. **Starring Eric Ruffin and Chloe Levine. Directed by Michael O'Shea. Running time: 97 minutes. No MPAA rating. Opening in limited release April 4.**

Milo (Eric Ruffin), the African-American teenager whose struggles animate *The Transfiguration,* is enamored of vampire movies. He has a stash of them on videotape in his bedroom closet, and he prefers the "realistic" ones — like George Romero's *Martin* or Tomas Alfredson's *Let the Right One In.* Milo might also enjoy *The Transfiguration,* because it, too, is realistic — vampires don't burn in sunlight, and they definitely don't sparkle. They just go around preying on the vulnerable, punching a hole in their carotid arteries and slurping up the gore. When I say "they," though, I really only mean Milo, in the literal sense. The movie is full of metaphorical bloodsuckers, stealers of innocence, abusers and sociopaths. Such is life in New York City.

Since the movie isn't religious at all — Milo would no doubt be unaffected by a crucifix or holy water if they were used against him — one might wonder why writer-director Michael O'Shea titled it *The Transfiguration,* other than that it sounded cool and dark. Nobody is really transfigured here in the Christian sense, although some might say the movie itself transfigures schlock into art. It's funny about vampire films — they lean into the artsy mode, the elegant and the expressionist, far more easily than, say, werewolf films or zombie films. Just recently we had Jim Jarmusch's *Only Lovers Left Alive* and Ana Lily Amirpour's *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night,* and O'Shea's film joins their number, reveling in the glum goth mood, the awkward silences, the gurgle of blood in the dark.

Milo meets a newcomer to his building — Sophie (Chloe Levine), an abused girl almost as affectless as Milo is, though she's quicker to laugh. Milo is almost always clenched and blank-faced, but around Chloe he loosens up a bit. For a while, hanging out or watching violent videos, they seem well-matched, one's psychological/emotional blank spots complementing the other's. Milo's even more dour older brother Lewis (Aaron Clifton Moten), an Army veteran, is at least happy to see Milo comfortable around someone, even if she's a white girl. That fact makes Milo even more of an object of derision for the local gang, who enjoy tormenting him.

Milo's connection with the gang doesn't end up where you'd expect it to in a vampire film, and his relationship with Sophie doesn't, either. *The Transfiguration* is bound to be called a cross between *Martin* and *Moonlight,* though it's not as erotic as those films. What it seems to have under the hood is something about how inhuman conditions can produce inhuman people (or, as Stephen King would put it, "this inhuman place makes human monsters"); almost everyone we see exists in some spiritually null zone. There might also be something about how black teenage males are demonized, made the monsters of the media narrative. Milo might be the result of generations of neglect benign and not-so-benign. He doesn't seem to have much race consciousness, though. He's too deeply into his vampire fixation — like Martin, he believes he is one, so in terms of effect he pretty much *is* one.

The performances are uniformly natural and unaffected; O'Shea understands that quiet desperation speaks louder than hysteria. (He also has the wit to give cameos to Troma schlockmeister Lloyd Kaufman and art-house horror auteur Larry Fessenden, whose disparate styles influence this film's.) People will sit together on the side of the wide frame, isolated yet united. The compositions are thoughtful, though always a little jiggly. O'Shea takes his time and creates an allusive atmosphere whose meanings are up for grabs. *The Transfiguration* could have snapped into sharper focus; it remains a bit thematically diffuse. But at its best it earns its place in that bedroom closet next to *Martin* and the rest.

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Academic Achievements

Rachel J. Scheub of Rochester was awarded Faculty Honors for the fall 2016 semester at **Trinity College** in Hartford, Connecticut.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path

There will be a Friends of the Bike Path meeting at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Tuesday, **April 4** at 6:00 pm. Come learn about what's happening.

Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship

The Sippican Lands Trust is seeking applicants for its "Helen A. Arthur Scholarship." A monetary award of up to $1,000 is available to a Marion resident who is a graduating senior from any secondary school by June 2017 and is preferably pursing an education in environmental studies or a related field. Please postmark a completed application by May 1, 2017 and mail to Sippican Lands Trust, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 848, Marion, MA 02738.

The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This fund was created and named after Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008). Helen was a beloved resident of Marion who had a deep interest in the preservation of the beautiful open spaces in town, reflecting the mission of the lands trust.

Those interested in applying should visit the Sippican Lands Trust website, www.sippicanlandstrust.org, to download the application. Applications will also be available at the SLT office located at 156 Front Street, Marion. Call 508-748-3080 or email info@sippicanlandstrust.org for more information.

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Gosforth's Fete at Tabor Academy

Student actors visiting Tabor Academy from Ellesmere College, a high school in England, will present a comical show to the Tabor and Tri-Town community on Saturday, **April 1** and Sunday, **April 2** at 7:00 pm in Tabor's Will Parker Black Box Theatre located on the second floor of Hoyt Hall at 235 Front Street, Marion. The show is free and open to the public, but please call 508-748-2000 to reserve a seat.

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights March 19-March 25

- Maple Ave – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Water St – Officer wanted
- Gifford's Corner Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Water St – Parking enforcement
- Partridge Pl – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd - Transport
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Paper service
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Route 195 – MV collision
- Lady Slipper Ln – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Moorings Rd – Larceny/past
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Village Dr – Paper service
- Joanne Dr – B&E/past
- Village Dr – Paper service
- River Rd – Paper service
- Oakdale Ave – B&E/past
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 19–March 25

- Barstow St- MV crash
- Upland Way – B&E/MV
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- North St – Health/welfare
- Barstow St - Vandalism
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Crook's Way – Follow up
- Ocean Dr – Stolen property
- Beech Wood Rd – Open door
- North St – Medical/assist
- Holmes St – MV lockout
- North St – MV crash
- Industrial Dr – MV crash
- Park Pl – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- I195 East – Assist other agency
- Fairhaven Rd – Disabled MV
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Angelica Ave – Suspicious Ave
- Marion Rd – 911 abandoned
- Fairhaven Rd – General service
- Homestead Ct – Larceny/forgery
- Ned's Point Rd – Medical/assist
- Holly Hollow Ln – Suspicious MV
- Crook's Way – Summons service
- Tinkham Ln – Missing person
- Pine Rd - Vandalism
- Antassawamock Rd – 911 call
- Park Pl – Domestic disturbance

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Log highlights March 19–March 25

- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Braley Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cushman Rd – Health/welfare
- High St – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Fire/structure
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious person
- Boxturtle Dr – Suspicious MV
- Forster Rd – Ambulance request
- Randall Rd – 911 hang up
- Rounseville Rd – Traffic hazard
- Stuart Rd - Complaint
- Hartley Rd - Vandalism
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Hartley Rd – Ambulance request
- Bennett St – Paper service
- Marion Rd – Assist citizen
- Cushman Rd – Assist citizen
- Robinson Rd – Ambulance request
- Cranberry Hwy – Ambulance request
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Pine St – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – Officer wanted
- Bradford Ln – Annoying phone calls

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, April 3: Hot dog, mustard packet, baked beans, cabbage & carrots, hot dog roll, apricots
Tuesday, April 4: Beef stroganoff w/portobello mushrooms, egg noodles, winter veg, oatmeal roll, ginger cookie, diet: graham wafer
Wednesday, April 5: Unsalted saltines, cream of carrot & celery soup, chicken piccata, parsley mashed, whole wheat roll, banana
Thursday, April 6: Spaghetti & meatballs, asparagus, zucchini & summer squash, scali bread, mandarin oranges
Friday, April 7: "Catch of the Day", herb sauce, sweet potato, California blend, multigrain bread, applesauce

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, April 3: Hot dog, French fries, baked beans, strawberry cup, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, April 4: American chop suey w/bread stick, green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 5: Waffle sticks, bacon, cheese sticks, hash brown, orange smiles, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, April 6: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, apple sauce, corn, fruit, milk
Friday, April 7: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, April 3: Hot dog, French fries, baked beans, strawberry cup, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, April 4: American chop suey w/bread stick, green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 5: Waffle sticks, bacon, cheese stick, hash brown, orange smiles, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, April 6: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, apple sauce, corn, fruit, milk
Friday, April 7: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, April 3: Hot dog, French fries, baked beans, strawberry cup, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, April 4: American chop suey w/bread stick, green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 5: Waffle sticks, bacon, cheese stick, hash brown, orange smiles, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, April 6: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, apple sauce, corn, fruit, milk
Friday, April 7: Cheese quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, Mexican rice, fresh fruit, milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, April 3: Hot dog, French fries, baked beans, strawberry cup, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, April 4: American chop suey w/bread stick, green beans, tossed garden salad, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 5: Waffle sticks, bacon, cheese stick, hash brown, orange smiles, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, April 6: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, apple sauce, corn, fruit, milk
Friday, April 7: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, April 3: Hot dog, French fries, baked beans, strawberry cup, cucumber slices, fresh fruit, milk
Tuesday, April 4: Mac & cheese w/ chicken nuggets, carrot coins, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday, April 5: Waffle sticks, bacon, cheese stick, hash brown, orange smiles, fresh fruit, milk
Thursday, April 6: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, apple sauce, corn, fruit, milk
Friday, April 7: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh salad, carrot & celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, April 3: Cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato & fries
Tuesday, April 4: Chicken nuggets, fries, bread & steamed carrots
Wednesday, April 5: Assorted lunch day
Thursday, April 6: Turkey & gravy over mashed potatoes w/stuffing and sauteed spinach
Friday, April 7: Stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad

MARION DAY
THE KITTANSETT CLUB
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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The English visitors are here on exchange for one week after Tabor students visited them in England over their March break, sharing their rendition of *The Laramie Project*. The exchange has been taking place every other year for over 20 years.

The show the English cast will present, *Gosforth's Fete*, is an English farce by Alan Ayckborn done in one 40-minute act. The scene is a tea tent being prepared for an afternoon fete into which Councillor Emma Pearce enters and meets Milly, who is organizing the tea along with local landlord, Gosforth, Milly's secret lover. The affair is revealed to Milly's fiancé as the spotty sound system they are trying to fix for the event finally cooperates just as he enters the scene. Ominous weather, the local vicar's gossip, a marching band and a pack of unruly children set the stage for a hilarious comeuppance for Mr. Gosforth.

Come enjoy the farce and a good laugh on Saturday or Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Black Box at Tabor Academy.

Gateway Youth Hockey

Pee Wees: Gateway Gladiator Pee Wees faced off against K P Walpole on Saturday for their final game in the Yankee Conference playoffs. In the first period, **Matthew Paling** started the scoring off with an assist by **Ty Rebeiro**. In the second period, Rebeiro added an unassisted goal, **Nathan Ribeiro** tallied thanks to an assist from Rebeiro, and Rebeiro added his second goal of the period assisted by Ribeiro and **Joe Urnek**. In the final frame, Rebeiro completed his hat trick with an assist by **Jacob Hebbel**, and then Rebeiro finished the night with an unassisted goal – his fourth on the day – to secure the 6-2 win for Gateway with great efforts from the whole team. Pee Wees are headed to the Championship game this Sunday, April 2, in Pembroke. Time TBD.

Baked Fish Dinner

There will be a baked fish dinner at The Knights, 57 Fairhaven Road (lower level) in Mattapoisett on **April 14** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The menu includes baked fish, baked potato, season vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert

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6 React to sticker shock
10 24 hours —
14 Blew a fuse
19 Reparations for wrongs
21 Head, to Hélène
22 Unevenly notched, as a leaf
23 Start of a riddle
25 Fighting fish of Asia
26 Division of the Roman army
27 — avail (futile)
28 California observatory site
30 Foxy
31 Grind, as one's teeth
35 Beat soundly
37 A B vitamin
38 Riddle, part 2
41 Planted
44 Swenson of "Advise & Consent"
45 Banana part
46 Riddle, part 3
52 Lie in the sun
56 Places to live
57 Feed holder
58 Activate, as a light switch
60 Silent assent
61 Haile Selassie follower
65 Kobe's home
68 Brits' coins
69 Conductor Sir Georg —
71 Riddle, part 4
73 Cussed
74 Windy City air hub
75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy
76 Spiny plants
78 — Mahal
79 Not at all, old-style
81 Arm bone
83 Conceive of
85 Struck disk
86 Riddle, part 5
92 Prefix with dose or watt
93 Actor's job
94 Class seat
95 End of the riddle
104 One lacking pigment
105 Slangy suffix with switch
106 See or smell
107 "— aboard!"
110 Ump's call halfway to a walk
112 "Falling Skies" star Noah
114 "No One" singer Keys
116 — worse than death
117 Riddle's answer
122 Strength of a chemical solution
123 Account
124 Absent
125 Arena strata
126 "Wise" birds
127 Man in Eden
128 16th-century Italian poet

DOWN
1 "Lady Love" singer Lou
2 Wife of Fred Mertz
3 Deli hero
4 Against
5 Clouds up
6 Ring rock
7 "That's — -brainer!"
8 Actor Gilliam
9 Quiet "Hey!"
10 Very many
11 Wolf down
12 Wolfed down
13 Dog cry
14 Flower anew
15 Eye ring
16 Became irate
17 Downton Abbey, e.g.
18 More loved
20 Heavenly food?
24 Ephron or Roberts
29 — Alex (racehorse)
32 In — hurry
33 Dads' lads
34 Writer Victor
36 Final, e.g.
38 How many TV shows are now shown
39 Greek T's
40 Old verb suffix
41 Farewell act
42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy
43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery
47 Eagle nests
48 Code-cracking org.
49 City south of San Diego
50 Alda or Bean
51 Debate need
52 Cold one
53 Comment on, as in a margin
54 Plato was his disciple
55 Leg reflex
59 Favorable aspect
62 Anat., e.g.
63 Set- — (rows)
64 Love, to Yves
66 "One thing — time!"
67 B'way site
70 Math branch
72 Miss, in Meuse: Abbr.
77 Involuntary wink, maybe
80 Heretofore
82 Razor brand
84 Boundaries
87 Frittata need
88 Site for a bite
89 Bits of physics
90 Aged, quaintly
91 Inert gas
92 Coin producers
95 "Blue" beer brewer
96 Sainted king of Norway
97 Flattened at the poles
98 Out of — (amiss)
99 "1984" author
100 Rolls- — (ritzy rides)
101 "Hi, amigo"
102 Onetime Pan Am rival
103 Online protocol for remote log-in
107 Pines (for)
108 Some bank holdings
109 — rest (inter)
111 Preminger of film
113 Writer Ferber
115 "— date!"
118 "Hee —"
119 Divinity
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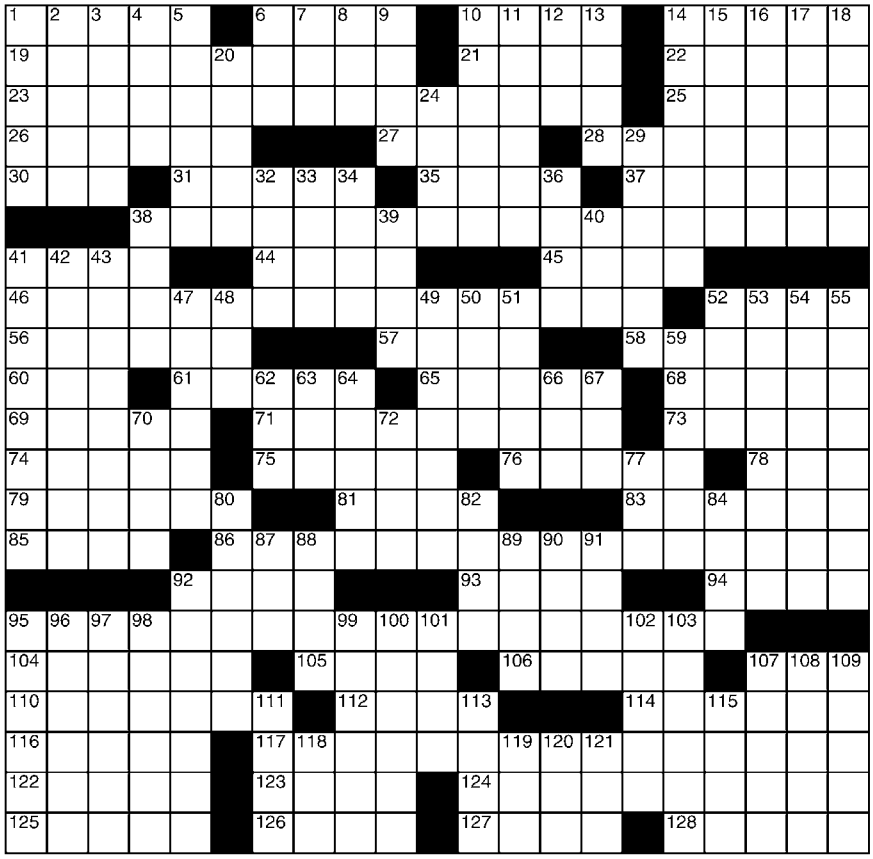

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

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Sunday Morning Stroll in Mattapoisett

Get outside and take a Sunday Stroll with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and Southcoast Health at the Mattapoisett Land Trust's Munn Preserve (189 Mattapoisett Neck Road, Mattapoisett) on **April 2** at 10:00 am. During this leisurely one-hour walk through the woods to the shores of Brandt Island Cove, you'll get some fresh air and exercise while learning how to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

In addition to the walk, the Southcoast Health Wellness Van will be parked at the Munn Preserve trailhead to provide free health screenings for participants and members of the public.

Sunday Strolls are a monthly series of free mid-morning walks led by a Buzzards Bay Coalition environmental educator and health professionals from Southcoast Health. The next Sunday Stroll will take place on May 7 at West Island Town Beach in Fairhaven.

Registration is required for this walk. To RSVP, visit www.savebuzzardsbay.org/events/sunday-stroll-munn-preserve-apr-02-2017/ or contact the Buzzards Bay Coalition at 508-999-6363 ext. 219.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability (File No. 41D-1642), submitted by BLANKENSHIP TRUST LLC, to upgrade the existing cesspool to Title 5 compliance with the installation of a 1,500 gallon septic tank, 1,000 gallon pump chamber and new leaching area. The septic tank, pump chamber and some associated pipes will be installed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Zone AE (El. 15) and the leaching area will be located outside the Flood Zone at 470 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 13C on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Cynthia Callow, Chairman 3/30

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:10PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by ELEVEN HILLER STREET NOMINEE TRUST, to install a 4' x 9' seasonal aluminum staircase to provide access to the waters of Sippican Harbor to launch kayaks and canoes. The staircase will be attached to a 4' x 8' concrete pad which shall be poured on the top of the stone bulkhead at 11 Hiller Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 82C on Marion Assessors' Map 14. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Cynthia Callow, Chairman 3/30

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:15 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, for a Notice of Intent, submitted by MARION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, for milling and overlay and full depth reconstruction of roadway along a portion of Creek Road, installation of 375 linear feet of new 12-inch reinforced concrete drain pipe within Spring Street, and cleaning of the existing drain outfall to restore full capacity.

The sites are further identified as Lots 1, 1B, 20, and 27 on Marion Assessors' Map 8; Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 7; Lot 28B on Marion Assessors' Map 8; Lot 12B and 29 on Marion Assessors' Map 8. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Cynthia Callow, Chairman 3/30

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M. G. L. Ch 131, s. 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by JEFFREY YOUNGQUIST. The proposed project is to repair the existing cart paths and culvert at the Reservation Golf Course within the 100' buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project is located at 0 Reservation Road and is further identified as Lot 175 on Assessor Map 10. 3/30

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a Public Hearing of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the school budget for the 20017-2018 school year at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, April 10, 2017, in the John N. DeCosta Cafeteria at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 3/30, 4/6

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Applications to serve are available at the Board of Seletmen office and on the Town of Marion website at http://www.marionma.gov/Pages/index
Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by Thursday, April 27, 2017 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738
Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman

TOWN OF MARION
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE
The Town of Marion is seeking interested volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee. Member of the Finance Committee are appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the Marion School Committee, and the Town Moderator. The Finance Committee meets regurlarly during the budget season (fall through spring) and makes recommendations on Warrant Articles for Town Meeting.
Please submit letters of interest by Thursday, April 13, 2017, to Paul F. Dawson, Town Administrator, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

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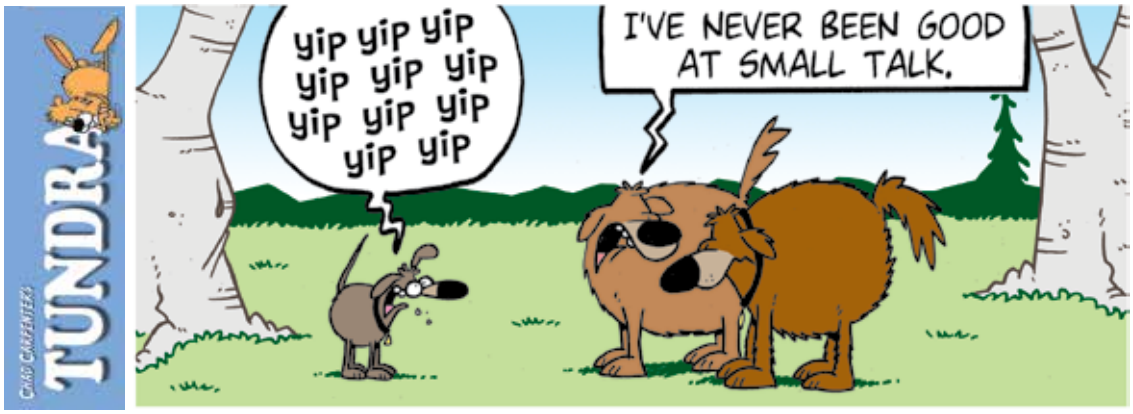

University is doing, and what lessons can be shared with homeowners. In addition to some fun and informative slides, there will be lots of opportunities for questions. The Home Energy and Sustainability program is sponsored by the Marion Energy Management Committee and will be held on Thursday, **April 13** at 7:00 pm in the Music Hall, 164 Front Street. For additional information, please contact Eileen Marum: u_emarum@umassd.edu.

Early April Programs at Plumb Library

April is National Greyhound Adoption Month. On Saturday, **April 1** from 10:30 - 11:30 am, you can meet our reading/therapy dog, Amos, and learn about greyhounds, their origins and anatomy, what makes them great pets, and care requirements from Denise Schumtiz. Denise is an adoption representative from Greyhound Pets of America, Massachusetts. She has been volunteering for GPAMA since 2012. She has helped to find over 300 greyhounds homes and loving families. Denise and her husband Matt have six greyhounds of their own at home. Our friend, Amos, came from GPAMA. Denise will talk about Greyhound Pets of America, Massachusetts and their mission and how they receive their hounds and find them their forever homes. Brochures and pictures of current adoptable dogs that are looking for homes will be shared, and there will be a Q&A about the adoption process or greyhounds in general.

David Downs has taken a serious topic (clutter)

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and created a fun-filled humorous program loaded with amusing personal examples of his own love/hate relationship with STUFF. In "Downsizing Your Stuff," Dave shares original thoughts, practical tips, and easy to understand strategies that anyone can use to begin the process of change. Join us on Saturday, **April 8** from 1:00 - 2:00 pm for an innovative, upbeat program that contains useful information that will help motivate you to begin downsizing. Register at the Events Calendar at www.plumblibrary.com for this fun informative program. Sponsored by the Friends of Plumb Library.

Rochester Democratic Town Committee

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will be holding its caucus on Saturday, **April 1** from 11:00 to 11:30 am in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention that will be held at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA on Saturday, June 3. The Democratic Committee welcomes everyone, but only registered Democrats can vote or run for delegate. Voter registration forms will be available at the caucus for same day registration. Any resident of the town may register to vote as a Democrat and participate in the caucus.

Mattapoisett Recreation Spring Program

Mattapoisett Recreation Spring Program registration is open for the following programs: Crafting: "Spring is Springing" classes are on Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:00 pm in the Center School Cafeteria. Session runs April 6 - June 1.

Fencing Classes for 7-12 year olds are on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Center School Gymnasium. Session runs April 3 - May 15.

Spring Tennis Lessons for 5-13 year olds will be at the Hammond Street Tennis Courts on Tuesdays at 5:00 & 6:00 pm. Tennis classes run May 9 - June 13.

Spring Kid Fit Program is on Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:00 pm for children in grades K-3. Session runs April 27 - June 1.

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{Meyer Lemon Tart} Bold meyer lemon cream in a pate sucre shell, fresh whipped cream , candied violets and poached lemon slices. Serves 7-9, 8" round. $22.00.

{Tiramisu Roulade} pronounced: ROO-LAH-D. Vanilla Sponge Cake sprinkled with ristretto espresso syrup, rolled with Mascarpone mousse, garnished generously with chocolate ganache drizzle and brute cocoa dusting "Happy Easter" sugar tag. Serves 8-10. $30

{Raspberry Bavarian Roulade } pronounced: ROO-LAH-D. Vanilla Cake rolled w/a thin layer of seedless raspberry preserves and Bavarian crème patisserie garnished generously w/fresh raspberries & "Happy Easter" sugar tag. Serves 8-10. $34

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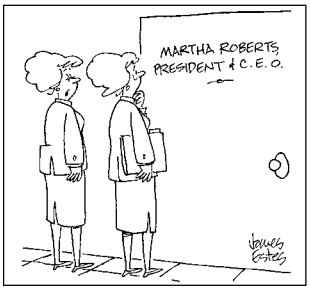

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What's Your Story?

"Learn How To Write And Self-Publish An Autobiography, Memoir Or Family History." Henry Quinlan, publisher, with more than 40 years of experience in publishing, will make this presentation on Thursday, **April 20** at 4:00 pm at the Mattapoisett COA, 17 Barstow Street.

Mr. Quinlan will present a guide on how to write and how to self-publish your book. He focuses on using online tools that are user friendly and that will place your book on Amazon. There is also information for those who want to finance their book using Kickstarter, to market their book and make it available for sale in bookstores. Attendees will receive a handout containing all the points in his presentation. He presents tips for writing, gained through working with hundreds of authors. Never has it been so easy to be a published author. Everyone is invited to attend. RSVP to 508-758-4110.

24th Annual Buzzards Bay Swim

With spring on the horizon, there's no better time to test the waters and get ready for the 24th annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, **June 24**. With nearly 200 swimmers and 20 teams already signed up, the Swim promises to be a fun, philanthropic outdoor event that you won't want to miss. Swimmers can register now at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

The Swim draws participants of every age, ability and fitness level, and first-time swimmers are encouraged to register. Swimmers complete a 1.2-mile open water point-to-point course across outer New Bedford Harbor to raise money for clean water in Buzzards Bay. Beginning in the South End of New Bedford and ending at Fort Phoenix Beach State Reservation in Fairhaven, participants are greeted at the finish line with a beach party featuring a pancake breakfast, fresh coffee and pastries, live music, free massages and local beer.

"When I first told people I was swimming the Bay, people said, 'I could never do that.'" said Rosie Byrnes of New Bedford, a three-time swimmer who first participated in 2013. With a few months of weekly training that first year, Rosie was able to work her way up from swimming just 12 laps in a pool to 44 laps – the equivalent of the Swim's 1.2-mile distance – by June.

Don't want to swim solo? Many swimmers recruit friends and form a team to swim across the harbor together. This year, several spirited teams including "Just Keep Swimming," "#cleanwater," and "Scollops not Scallops" are registered and training for the Swim. The champion "Salty Seadogs" of Lakeville will be back to defend their Wheeler Cup award for fastest adult team, as will the youth teams from Waltham's MetroWest Aquatic Club, who won the Quicks Awards for fastest youth teams in 2016.

Prizes are awarded for the top fundraisers and fastest swimmers, both individuals and teams. Swimmers who have participated in the Swim for five, 10, and new this year, 20 years will also receive special participation awards.

All funds raised through the Swim support the Buzzard Bay Coalition's work to protect clean water in communities across the Buzzards Bay watershed – from Little Compton to Vineyard Sound.

Newcomers "Scenic Swim Team" from Austin, Texas, are already at the top of the fundraising leaderboard, having raised $1,500 so far. Not to be outdone, locals and members of team "ButtersBergers" of Acushnet are attempting to raise $5,000 this year in honor of their fifth Buzzards Bay Swim. Think you can outdo them? Register now at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim.

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RLT Annual Meeting Has New Venue

The Annual Meeting of the Rochester Land Trust has a new venue this year. Instead of the usual Pot Luck at the Congregational Church Hall, the meeting will be held at Covanta SEMASS at 141 Cranberry Highway (Route 28) on Wednesday, **April 12** at 6:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend the brief business meeting, after which the group will be given a tour of the plant.

The Rochester Land Trust has had several notable achievements this past year, including acquisition of the Pony Pasture and much stewardship work on existing properties. New officers will be elected and the Year in Review, given out each year at the Annual Meeting, will give members a detailed look at all that has been accomplished.

So please plan to join the Rochester Land Trust at its Annual Meeting and get a look at the inner workings of that big plant that gobbles up so much trash.

UCT Golf Tournament

The Bette-Lee Marsland / Upper Cape Tech Golf Tournament will be held at the Falmouth Country Club on Sunday, **June 11** with 7:00 am registration and 8:00 am shotgun start.

This is our 20th annual golf tournament and we need your help in the way of teams and sponsors. If registered by May 19, cost is $120 per player. After May 19, it will be $130 per player. Cost includes golf, carts, high-quality golf apparel, great prizes and raffles, and a BBQ lunch catered by the chefs of the Upper Cape Tech Culinary Arts Department.

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Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

I have 3 cats and one of them isn't using the litter box consistently. I clean the box every few days and have a covered box nicely enclosed in a closet. Is one of my cats sick?

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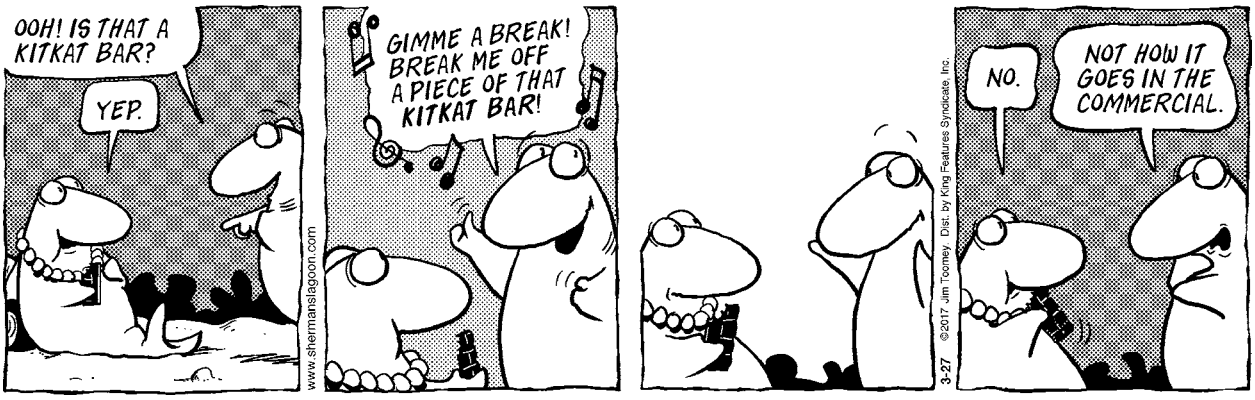

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Rochester Town-Wide Cleanup

The Rochester Women's Club is again sponsoring a town-wide cleanup to celebrate Earth Day.

Come to the clubhouse at 37 Marion Road in Rochester to pick up trash collection bags and gloves on Saturday, **April 22** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be coffee and donuts on a first come, first served basis.

In conjunction with this event, the Rochester Land Trust will be collecting old electronic items, also at the clubhouse during the same hours.

Among the accepted items will be computers, monitors, appliances and TVs. If it has an engine, motor or can be plugged in, it is electronic trash and can be dropped off. A fee will be charged for certain items.

Call Norene at 508-763-3628 for more details on this collection.

Left Right Center Fundraiser

The Rochester Women's Club is pleased to announce the return of our Left Right Center Fundraiser. This is our second year hosting this fun-filled event to support our scholarship fund.

Please come down to The Ponderosa (242 Robinson Road, Acushnet) on Saturday, **April 29** at 7:00 pm to join in on the fun. The Women's Club will provide snacks. Cash bar will be available. Call Dee at 508-763-4748 for more details.

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Kearns, James E Kearns, Elizabeth B	Cranlor LLC x	483 Point Rd	Marion	03/08/2017	599000
Chandler, Linda M x	Sarkes, Peter Fernandes, Robert A	20 Rezendes Ter	Marion	03/06/2017	270000
Golden Gates Properties x	Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr x	26 Chapel Rd	Mattapoisett	03/07/2017	124654
Hammerick, Paula x	Noblet, Gregory V x	6 Martin Ave	Mattapoisett	03/08/2017	310000
Blouin, Mark D Blouin, Lizabeth C	Howley, Kimberly M Howley, David	32 Benjaman Dr #32	Rochester	03/06/2017	302500
Costa, David D Pereira-Costa, Maria	Tieu, Pho L Tieu, Tin T	3 Cromwell Ln	Rochester	03/08/2017	520000
Lund, John M Lund, Maureen E	Connet Woods LLC x	73 Forbes Rd	Rochester	03/10/2017	465000

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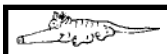
Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	March 30:	10:29	10:52	4:01	4:02
Friday	March 31:	11:22	11:46	4:47	4:46
Saturday	April 1:	. . .	12:18	5:36	5:33
Sunday	April 2:	12:43	1:16	6:35	6:27
Monday	April 3:	1:44	2:16	8:29	7:35
Tuesday	April 4:	2:46	3:19	10:08	9:18
Wednesday	April 5:	3:52	4:24	11:11	11:01
Thursday	April 6:	5:00	5:28	12:00	12:08
Friday	April 7:	6:01	6:25	. . .	12:39
Saturday	April 8:	6:54	7:14	12:40	1:08
Sunday	April 9:	7:39	7:59	1:15	1:30
Monday	April 10:	8:21	8:40	1:50	1:56
Tuesday	April 11:	9:01	9:20	2:26	2:27
Wednesday	April 12:	9:40	9:57	3:03	3:02
Thursday	April 13:	10:17	10:34	3:40	3:38
Friday	April 14:	10:56	11:11	4:18	4:15
Saturday	April 15:	11:35	11:50	4:55	4:52
Sunday	April 16:	12:17	5:33	5:31	5:58

Phases of the Moon		
	First Quarter	April 3rd
	Full Moon	April 11th
	Last Quarter	April 19th
	New Moon	April 26th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the March 23, 2017 issue the Aardvark was on page 37!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Near; 2. Musk;
3. Entrap; 4. Smear

Today's Word

MAKEUP

Sudoku Answer

8	3	6	4	1	9	5	7	2
2	9	4	7	5	8	6	3	1
1	5	7	3	2	6	4	9	8
3	6	9	1	7	4	8	2	5
5	8	2	9	6	3	7	1	4
4	7	1	5	8	2	3	6	9
9	1	8	6	4	7	2	5	3
6	4	3	2	9	5	1	8	7
7	2	5	8	3	1	9	4	6

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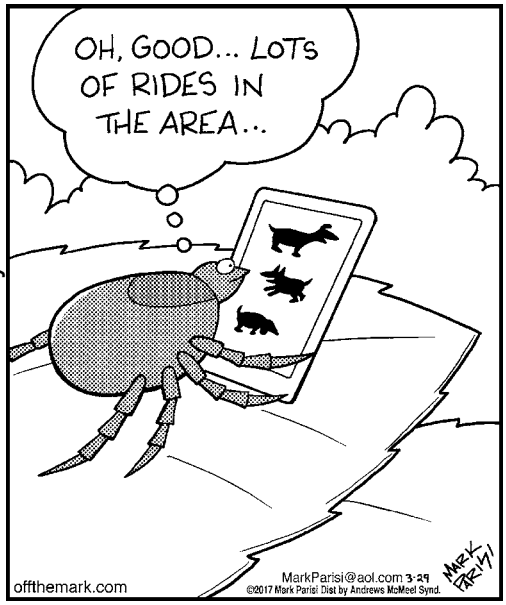

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